

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Prepare to meet Mr Kilfeather, the neighbour you simply cannot love. He keeps a doberman; eats down trees, and worst of all plays James Last records at full volume. Mr Kilfeather will bring back painful memories for anyone who has ever had neighbours, so tomorrow's *Modern Times* column is not for readers of a nervous disposition.

On the election front, Michael Pinto-Duschinsky analyses how a short, sharp battle like the present one makes a difference.

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Modest rises

Farm price rises, averaging a modest 4.2 per cent, agreed by the EEC agriculture ministers will put a third of a penny on the British loaf, 2p on cheese and 1.5p on a kilo bag of sugar, the Consumers Association reckons. EEC farm prices, 11

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EEC summit off but Thatcher will go to America

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- The battle between Labour's national executive and the Brent East party has been settled in favour of Mr Reginald Freeson (Page 5)
- Mr Michael Heseltine renewed his charge that the CND was led by the left, "whether Labour, Socialist or Communist".

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A potential hazard was removed from Mrs Margaret Thatcher's path yesterday when the Stuttgart summit of European Community heads of government, planned for June 6, was postponed until after the general election.

It was also confirmed that the Prime Minister would attend the western economic summit at Williamsburg, Virginia, during the spring bank holiday weekend in the middle of the campaign. But her visit will be even shorter than expected.

Mrs Thatcher, accompanied by Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will fly by VC 10 to Williamsburg for a 48-hour visit to the summit on the afternoon of Saturday, May 28. She will return to Britain the following evening, leaving Sir Geoffrey and Mr Pym to represent the Government at the Monday session, immediately after which they will fly back.

It is expected, though not confirmed by Downing Street, that Mrs Thatcher will return on an ordinary scheduled flight. The postponement for two weeks of the Stuttgart summit

A failure to obtain the expected rebate would have

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Healey's new line on Polaris

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday returned to his attack on the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament as an organization led and dominated by the left.

In a letter to Conservative candidates, he said CND had reacted with indignation to his statement that most of the elected council members were of the left or the extreme left, "but they did not deny the figures that lay behind my statement".

"It now emerges that a clear majority of the executive which is the body which meets monthly to run CND is also of the left, whether Labour, socialist or communist". It was clear "beyond question that they are led by men and women of the left".

The CND's general election pack, sent to local groups, was "transparently designed to focus the CND attack on the Conservative Party".

It was specifically hostile to the Prime Minister "and its sympathies are clearly revealed by the conclusion that 'the possibility that Labour would do substantially worse vis-a-vis the Conservatives than in 1979 is too awful to contemplate'".

The document admitted that CND had lost the argument for one-sided disarmament, he said, advising its activists to concentrate on the deployment of Cruise and Trident, "where they think the public will give them a better hearing".

Monsignor Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, said last night Mr Heseltine was "over-reaching himself" in his attacks on CND. "Last time of the 14 people he named the only crime nine of them had committed was simply being members of the Labour Party."

The letter, he said, was "silly", implying CND's activities were secret. The campaign's aim was complete nuclear disarmament, but Cruise and Trident were the immediate priorities.

SNP claims victory likely in 12 seats

The Scottish Nationalist Party began their election campaign yesterday with a claim that they were poised for victory in more than a dozen seats north of the border. The claim was made by the party leader Mr Gordon Wilson, and former MP for Dundee, east in Edinburgh.

The SNP at present has only two MPs, compared with the 11 they had until the 1979 general

election, and the party has in the last year been troubled by internal bickering.

However, Mr Wilson says support for Scottish independence is higher now than in the 1970s and Scots were realizing that only a Scottish government could solve their country's problems. He added that Scotland had to "play the Nationalist card" to win the fight against the destruction of its economy.

Delegates, who said their members were determined to protect their bargaining process. Unanimously approved a joint motion from branches in southwest England, Lancashire and Yorkshire.

It said that if the National Water Council is dissolved the three unions in the industry, Nupre, the General Municipal and Boilermakers' and the Transport and General Workers' should work with the industry's national negotiating machinery.

They were promised full backing by Nupre executive, which considers the water workers to be leading the fight against decentralization.

In January the 29,000 water workers started a five-week strike before winning a 12 per cent rise. They fear now that if the resolution added: "In the event of this not being con-

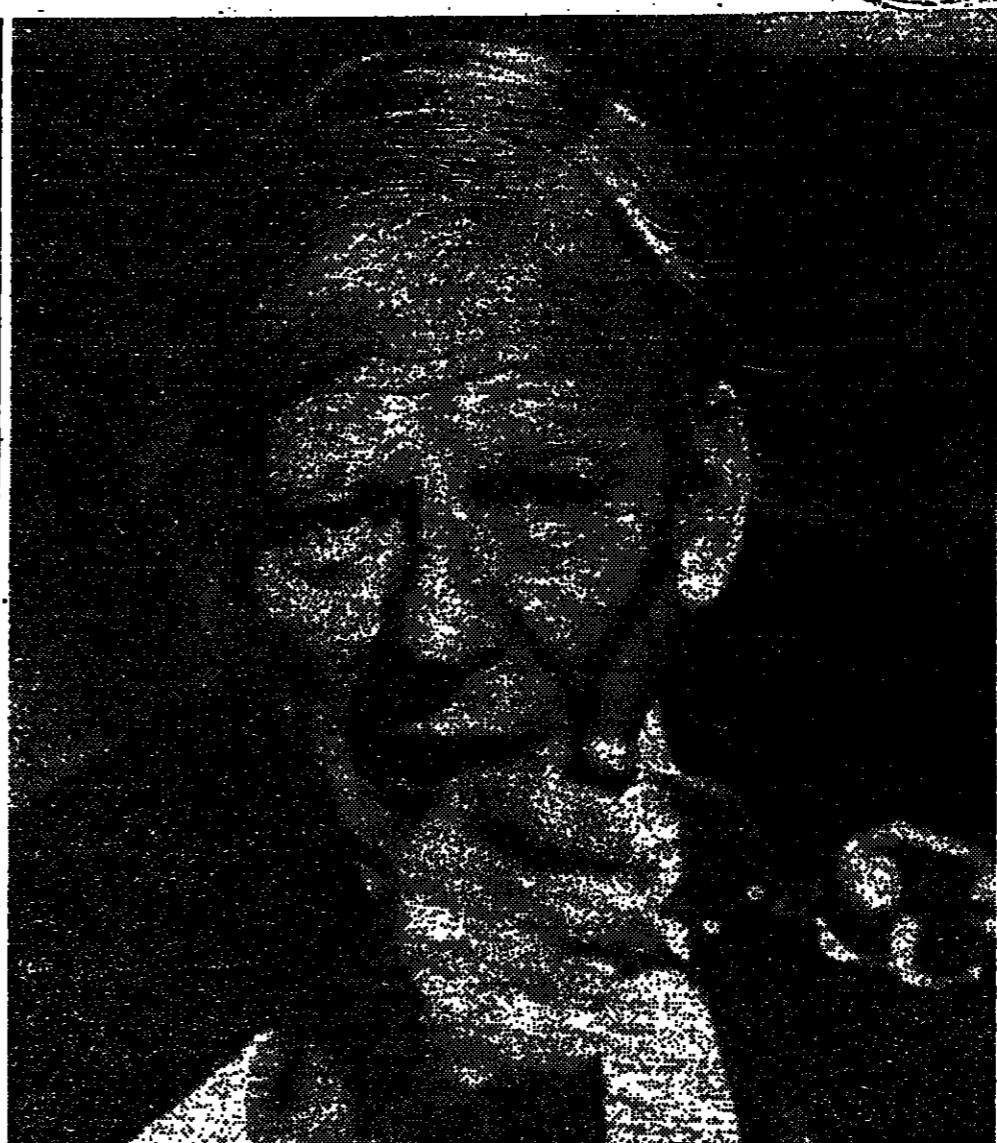
ceded, the unions of the National Joint Industrial Council should consider all-out industrial action to achieve this important objective".

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The employers are understood to be divided about the merits of abolishing the machinery.

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Straight talking: Mr Peter Shore at Labour's press conference yesterday.

Saving the Parthenon by taking it down

From Mario Modiano, Athens

If the British Museum decides to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece in the next decade, there may be no Parthenon to put the sculptures back on. Preliminary work has just begun on an ambitious project to dismantle the Parthenon stone by stone, then reassemble it after replacing the rusty iron clamps used by earlier restorers to hold the structure together.

The project will take 12 years. The Greek Government intends to consult foreign experts by organizing an international symposium where they will air their views and scrutinize the detailed plans.

This was the procedure followed in the case of the Erechtheion, the second of the three classical temples on the Acropolis of Athens. Work here is still in progress. All architectural members are being freed from the iron joints and brackets, which have caused the marble heavy despoliation.

He was then asked whether he could define the differences between a non-nuclear defence policy and a policy of no first-use.

Mr Healey said: "I think everybody concedes, CND certainly does, that the major danger of nuclear war consists in the enormous armaments piled up by the Soviet Union and the United States, which are being added to all the time; a process which we want to reverse."

"What the Labour Party supports is organizing Nato strategy so that we can deter a massive Soviet conventional attack without requiring to threaten the first use of nuclear weapons".

These are now being replaced with supports made of titanium alloy which is not supposed to rust. The five Caryatids were taken to the museum for protection, and were provisionally replaced by concrete copies.

The air pollution of Athens is the principal reason for the removal of priceless sculptures indoors. This is one of the reasons why, even if the British Museum returned its half of the Parthenon frieze, it cannot be placed back in position.

Greek experts have been considering the possible transfer of the existing eastern frieze of the Parthenon to the museum.

● LONDON: A new British pressure group yesterday demanded the Elgin Marbles be returned to Greece, Christopher Warman writes.

The British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles state: "Quite

clearly a wrong has been done.

It is not always that wrongs can be righted but mercifully this one can. The Marbles have been carefully kept in the British Museum. They must be returned when Greece is ready to receive them."

Miss Melina Mercouri, the Greek Minister of Culture, is visiting London this weekend, and will not lose the chance of emphasizing her determination for their return.

The helicopter crew searched

the river for miles without

finding any trace of the missing woman. Twenty police officers were continuing the search for her.

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Go back or factory shuts, BL men told

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

British Leyland yesterday not prepared to stand by and allow you to place in danger the jobs of 10,000 employees and the future of Leyland Trucks. It is vital that a mass meeting is held at the latest by Friday and that you return to work no later than next Monday."

He said that other axle makers were "hammering on the door" and once customers had found other suppliers there would be no question of winning them back again.

The letter discloses that the company is less than 20 volunteers short of the 146 job cutback it is seeking. The men walked out because Mr Hancock refused to rule out the possibility of compulsory redundancies.

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He said in the letter that the chances were high that the shortfall would be filled by volunteers in the seven weeks remaining. The union convenor had told him there was no need to call a mass meeting and no need to call off the strike.

The plant, which makes axles for the Leyland Truck works at Bathgate, near Edinburgh, and Leyland in Lancashire, had been at a standstill for more than a week.

The company had announced that vehicle assembly at those two plants would stop on Friday, with thousands of layoffs next week.

Mr Hancock wrote: "... I am

convinced, accused of "industrial gangsterism" and indicated that his members would continue to fight compulsory redundancies.

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Industrial relations generally in BL continue to be sound, he told the shareholders' annual meeting, with cooperation by the employees achieving vital productivity increases, leading to workers earning improved bonus payments.

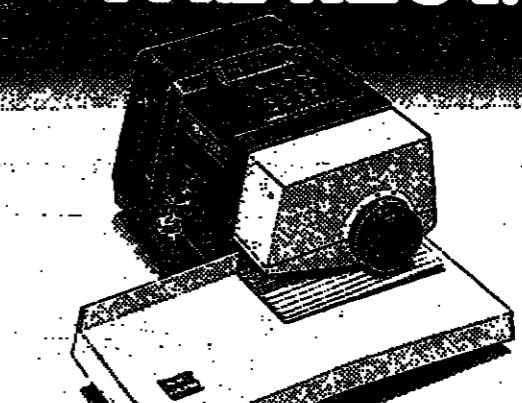
"In 1982 we had another good year of industrial relations.

The festive atmosphere of the second signing ceremony an hour later in the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona, until last year a frequent target of Palestinian rocket attacks, came in marked contrast.

The streets were filled with balloon-waving children who had been assiduously encouraged by the Israeli authorities to turn out in force to hail what many on the Begin Government liked to describe as something close to a *de facto* peace treaty.

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Shortage of opera singers

Sir Colin Davis, musical director of the Royal Opera House said yesterday that he was concerned at the shortage of opera singers compared with 15 years ago (Our Arts Correspondent writes). He was replying to critics of the poor standard of some productions.

With many opera houses, there was a much greater demand for singers who, because of high fees on offer, were in danger of doing too much and burning themselves out, he said.

Sir Colin suggested that the long-term development of singers seemed to have gone out of the window, since the younger you were, the more fashionable you were. But he also believed the talent was not there.

New opera season, page 13

Controls jam caused air crash

An inquest jury at Hull yesterday returned verdicts of death by misadventure on a Yorkshire Television cameraman and a director who died when their helicopter plunged into the River Humber on March 14.

The jury heard that the helicopter crashed when its controls became jammed with maps and film canisters.

The helicopter was being used to make a programme when it hit the mast of the German tanker MV *Zussovo* and plunged into the river. Mr. Graham Barker, aged 38, a cameraman of Hampshire, north Yorkshire, and Mr David St. David Smith, aged 38, a director, of Leeds, died of asphyxia and multiple injuries. The pilot, Mr Mark Trumble, of Ringmore, Kingsbridge, Devon, was rescued after diving three times to the helicopter.

Teachers strike over conditions

Several thousand teachers went on a half-day strike in London yesterday over confidential discussions on luncheon supervision and parents' meetings (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The teachers, members of the second biggest teachers' union, the National Association of School Teachers/Union of Women Teachers, were addressed by Mr Fred Smithies, their general secretary, at Central Hall, Westminster. They then marched to County Hall.

Boy awarded £30,000

Darren John Carey, aged 13, of Merton Road, Charlton, south-east London, was awarded £30,000 damages by a High Court judge yesterday for "enormous injuries" suffered when he came into contact with the electrified third rail while crossing a railway line at Acton, in west London.

His counsel, Mr Colin Fawcett, QC, said the boy's right arm had been amputated and he had lost the use of the other.

New remand on nephew charge

Ronald Waldron, unemployed, aged 37, was remanded in custody for seven days when he appeared before Liverpool magistrates for the fourth time yesterday, accused of murdering Andrew Waldron, aged five, his nephew.

Mr Waldron, of Compton Way, Aintree, is also charged with the attempted murder of the boy's mother and aggravated burglary on April 23.

Murder charge

Michael John Day, aged 36, unemployed and of no fixed address, was remanded in custody for a week by Stoke-on-Trent magistrates yesterday, charged with the murder of Leonard Atherton, a kiln operator, on Monday at a pottery in Burslem, Stoke.

Overseas selling prices

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18 are arrested in hunt for wife abducted by INLA

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Eighteen people were arrested but one relative said: "We in Belfast and in Armagh cannot say much. We just hope yesterday by police searching and pray we will see her again for Mrs Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, safe and well."

She was abducted by the Irish National Liberation Army on Monday.

They included: Mr James Brown, chairman of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, the political wing of the INLA, who is understood to be considering standing in the general election; Mr Sean Flynn, who is already facing a charge of INLA membership; and Mrs Suzanne Bunting, whose husband, a former commanding officer of the INLA, was murdered in 1980.

Last August Mrs Fiona Brown disappeared from her home in west Belfast, but when her husband retracted earlier statements she appeared at a press conference organized by Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. Mrs Brown said she had been staying with friends.

In November Mr. Patrick Gilmore, aged 61, was abducted from his home in Londonderry by his son Raymond turned informer, which led to 71 people being charged. In spite of pleas for his release, Mr Gilmore has not been seen since, but it is believed he is being held in co Donegal.

Dr Tiede Herrema, aged 62, who was kidnapped by Eddie Gallagher and Marion Coyle in 1975 and held for 36 days at Monasterevan, is to return to live in Dublin after he retires this year.

Dr Herrema said he would not settle permanently in Ireland, but would spend as much time as possible in the country with which he said he had an emotional tie since the abduction.

The missing woman's family were reluctant to talk yesterday.

A statement by INLA gave a warning that they would not hesitate to "take whatever action was necessary" against Mrs Kirkpatrick. And as fears for her safety grew the outlawed organization demanded that Mr Kirkpatrick be allowed to see his solicitor and mix freely with other republican prisoners.

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Prime's referee claims security report uses her as scapegoat

By John Withers

Miss Dorothy Barsby last night denied allegations made to the Security Commission report that she had protected Geoffrey Prime from exposure as a Soviet spy nine years before he was finally caught.

In a blistering attack on the report published last week, she said she was "angry, hurt, outraged and disgusted" that she had been accused of "disgraceful" behaviour and said it was a whitewash to cover up for the incompetence of the Security Services.

Miss Barsby appeared at a news conference with her solicitor, Mr Michael Rubinstein, after avoiding making any statements for five days. She also refuted an allegation in the report that she had been told by Mrs Helena Prime that her husband was a spy before she, Miss Barsby, had acted as referee for Prime.

She also said that when Mr. Prime, who was an old friend, told her that Prime had admitted to spying in 1973, she dismissed it as "no consequence" because it came after one of the frequent rows between the couple.

She added that she had been a reluctant referee because I didn't like Prime. I had no idea I was being used as a referee for a man who was engaged in top security service work.

The Security Commission report said that Miss Barsby,

who is in her thirties, was told by Mrs. Prime, in 1973 of Prime's treachery, but did not reveal it when questioned during his vetting process.

But Miss Barsby said yesterday that this conversation took place after the questioning by an investigating officer and was merely hearsay.

Asked about the Security Commission's statement that she had been told that Prime had said he was spying before she acted as a referee, she said: "That is not true. I was told afterwards and it seemed more hearsay."

"What woman in her right mind would denounce her friend's husband on hearsay evidence? By trying to pin the blame for the failure of the Security Services to catch Prime on me, the Security Commission have failed to protect a law-abiding and loyal citizen of this country in order to protect the Security Services.

The Government has endorsed and adopted an incompetent report, uncaring of its consequences, and have accused me - an innocent person - without giving me a chance to clear my name."

Miss Barsby said she was interviewed by Prime's investigating officer, whom she described as a bowler-hatted "old-fashioned city clerk" who spent most of the time talking

BR chief aims to run London radio

By Kenneth Gossling

Capital Radio is to be challenged for the London commercial radio general and entertainment contract by a consortium headed by Sir Peter Birkett, who retires as chairman of the British Railways Board in September.

He has been appointed chairman of Metropolitan Radio Ltd, whose managing director is Mr Robert Kennedy, a director until early last year of Capital Radio and of eight other independent radio stations.

Sir Peter said yesterday that he was glad to be part of "this important new development" and the service it was planning for London.

Mr Kennedy is an experienced local broadcasters. He managed the BBC's first local stations in Leicester, was a member of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's senior staff when independent radio began and for five years was managing director of Standard Broadcasting Corp (UK) Ltd.

He will be joined on the Metropolitan board by Lady Ewart-Biggs, an active Labour peeress and widow of Mr Christopher Ewart-Biggs, who was British Ambassador to Dublin; Mr Roy Evans, a lawyer and freelance writer, who came to this country from Jamaica in the early 1960s and is involved with tenant and community groups in inner London; Mr Alan Parker, the film director and writer, who won international awards for such films as *Buggy Malone* and *Midnight Express*; Mr Peter Bentor, who was deputy chairman of British Telecom until his retirement last March; and Mr Clive Lindley, chairman of the independent radio station serving Cheltenham and Gloucester and of LCI Group Ltd, a substantial private company with interests throughout the UK.

The contract, held by Capital since 1973, will run for eight years from October next year.

Shortages and high prices of hay and other feeds are forcing some cattle farmers to put their herd out to graze on unfertilised pastures (Hugh Clayton writes). Farmers faced with steep price increases for hay and other feeds are allowing cattle to graze for short periods on exceptionally wet grass.

The farmers risk severe digestive disorders such as bloat in their animals, which may also damage the pastures and postpone still further the time when

they will be able to graze in the normal way. Wet grass which has grown fast can lack minerals.

Cattle would usually be grazing at this time of year. However, because of the weather they are being fed on dwindling supplies of feed

PC regrets part in assault case

From a Staff Reporter

Police Constable Timothy Edwards told Birmingham Crown Court yesterday that he felt ashamed for his part in an incident in which a young man was viciously attacked by a fellow officer for fun.

But PC Edwards said he acted in good faith as a police officer and never kicked or punched the man, who suffered cuts and bruises to his face.

PC Edwards, aged 22, of Romilly Close, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, denied assaulting Mr David Campbell, causing him bodily harm. Police Constable David Smallwood, aged 21, formerly at police lodgings in Brewood Road, Stretford, Birmingham, had admitted assault and will be sentenced after the trial of PC Edwards.

PC Edwards told the court he had drunk 16 pints of mild beer during the day and fell asleep in his car, but he woke up when the driver, PC Smallwood, leapt out to chase someone.

PC Edwards said he tried to block the escape route of Mr Campbell, aged 23, of Fairfax Road, West Heath, Birmingham, but failed.

The trial continues today.

Pupils failing at languages

British school-leavers are lagging behind their west European counterparts in foreign language skills, according to a government consultative paper published yesterday.

Boys in particular are failing to reach a reasonable level of competence in a foreign language, according to the document published by the Department of Education and Science. It says: "If Britain is to trade successfully in the world and play its full part as an effective member of the European community, national competence in foreign languages need to be more like that of other member countries."

Although many more pupils now begin to learn foreign languages, few complete a full

Success of vitamins against spina bifida

By David Nicholson-Lord

Government decisions on the prescription of vitamin diet supplements for pregnant women to prevent them having spina bifida babies are likely to be overtaken by pressure from the public authorities on child health and community medicine, said yesterday.

But several of the medical experts who took part in the workshop yesterday said the trial had been overtaken by events. Professor Ian Leek of Manchester University's department of community medicine, predicted it would be a "flop" because women at risk would not accept the possibility of being given placebo rather than vitamins merely to satisfy the requirement of a "double-blind" procedure.

Studies showing that "high risk" women given extra vitamins around the time of conception have babies free from spina bifida were described as "very exciting" by Professor John Dobbing, of Manchester University's child health department. More women were likely to demand the treatment from their family doctors, he said.

There is a lot of dispute, but there is no dispute whatever that all the findings available are consistent with the proposal that vitamins do prevent the defect. The argument is about whether there are alternative explanations that would fit the results, he said.

Professor Dobbing was speaking at a conference to launch the publication of a new study on vitamin treatment, based on the proceedings of an intensive expert workshop held last autumn.

The study has been published

Aid planned for doctors in poorer areas

By a Staff Reporter

Family doctor services in the poorer parts of Britain could be greatly improved under proposals being considered by a British Medical Association working group.

Dr Bryan Davies, chairman of the BMA's general medical services committee in Wales, said yesterday that areas such as the inner cities, South Wales and Durham, which had worse medical facilities, would be affected. "We are talking about great slabs of the country."

At the centre of the changes is the replacement of the capitation fee system.

Holloway Prison's controversial governor

The cure is in self-improvement

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Miss Joy Kinsley, aged 50, governor of Holloway Women's Prison, in north London, is behaving in character in her controversial crackdown on professional contacts between her chief education officer, Mr Richard Brown, the Rev James Pink, the chaplain, and former inmates.

She wears sensible shoes and sensible clothes, her grey hair is in short, sensible carls and she likes men to be sensible about women prisoners.

Before I went off to write about Bullwood Hall, the girls' borstal, she warned me not to be taken in by the charm they could put on. She was then working in the prison department's regional office.

Staff at Holloway liken her

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Fellow travellers: Mr Samuel Springer (left), the mayor of Hackney, and Mr David Wetzl, the chairman of the Greater London transport committee, opening the new station in Kingsland High Street, north-east London, yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Helen Smith pictures 'cast doubt on verdict'

From Our Correspondent

New photographs of Helen Smith prove conclusively that she was murdered, it is alleged by the leader of West Yorkshire County Council. He claims that the photographs, taken just after she died in Saudi Arabia four years ago, cast doubt on the evidence at the inquest last December.

Mr John Gunnell, the council leader set up his own investigation yesterday on her death. He has sent copies of the photographs to the two pathologists who examined Helen Smith's body. He said: "The photographs are of fundamental significance to ascertaining the cause of her death."

Had they been available at the inquest they would have been the most important exhibits. They would have prevented a good deal of testimony which can now be shown to have been based on inaccurate recollection. More significantly, they would have provided considerably to the evidence that her death arose from foul play.

The photographs were taken by Saudi police. Mr Gunnell said they showed the nurse's body in the position in which it was found, making it appear unlikely that she fell.

The inquest jury at Leeds returned an open verdict deciding that she had fallen to her death with Johannes Otten, a Dutch sea captain.

However, Mr Gunnell said: "The position of the bodies lead to a number of conclusions which conflict with the inquest evidence."

He has sent the pictures to Professor Alan Usher and Professor Jorgen Dalgard. Both pathologists gave evidence at the inquest.

Mr Gunnell added: "I want to find out from the pathologists if the evidence contained in the pictures alters their opinion on the cause of death."

Farmers forced to risk cattle on wet grass

Shortages and high prices of hay and other feeds are forcing some cattle farmers to put their herd out to graze on unfertilised pastures (Hugh Clayton writes).

The farmers risk severe digestive disorders such as bloat in their animals, which may also damage the pastures and postpone still further the time when

they will be able to graze in the normal way. Wet grass which has grown fast can lack minerals.

Cattle would usually be grazing at this time of year. However, because of the weather they are being fed on dwindling supplies of feed

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Tories to tackle unions

Tebbit promises three changes in the law to curb union power

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Employment, confirmed yesterday that the Government's intention is to legislate in three areas of trade union activity if returned to power.

In an interview with *The Times* he disclosed that new laws governing the election of trade union leaders, pre-strike ballots and the political activity of unions would be a central part of the Conservative election strategy.

Mr Tebbit said that he believed many of the unemployed would vote Conservative because "people frankly do not believe" Labour's claim of being able to find 2,500,000 jobs in five years.

The Employment Secretary believes that further curbs on the unions will be a vote-winner, particularly among union members. He has decided to legislate on all three areas of union law and practice examined in his recent Green Paper, *Democracy in Trade Unions*.

These are compulsory secret ballots for the election of governing bodies of trade unions; measures to encourage unions to hold a secret ballot before embarking on strike action; and a tighter rein on the political activities of unions.

The 1980 and 1982 employ-

ment Acts are very popular and well supported by trade unions", he argued, "although opposed by trade union leaders. And the proposals that will flow from the Green Paper are obviously going to be very popular with trade unionists as well. The polls show that we have increased our support among trade unions."

Speaking on the eve of publication of the Conservative manifesto, Mr Tebbit said he was confident of having found a way to ensure that workers were permitted to vote on strike action much more often than at present.

Trade union members do seem to be interested in who their leaders are", he said. "Given the chance to take part in free and fair ballots, far more of them vote than when it is one of the traditional methods of election, in late-night meetings, at inconvenient times and places."

The railwaymen were pushed into a strike without a ballot, he said. "The water workers never had an opportunity to ballot at any stage, as far as I know. Were any of them actually asked to mark on a ballot paper: 'Do you want to strike or not?' There is a very real interest in what we can do to encourage people to have strike ballots."

Effect of 1960s birth rate

1.6 million more eligible to vote

By Our Political Staff

In the general election 42,703,019 people will be eligible to vote in the United Kingdom, compared with 41,096,751 in May, 1979, according to electoral statistics published by the Government Statistical Service.

The increase of the number of electors in the four countries of the UK is: England, from 34,212,573 to 35,569,230; Scotland, from 3,795,865 to 3,934,220; Wales, from 2,061,109 to 2,138,384; and Northern Ireland, from 1,027,204 to 1,061,185.

In 1979, 76 per cent of the electors voted, a total of 31,221,364. In each country the turnout were: England, 75.9 per cent; Scotland, 76.8 per cent; Wales, 79.4 per cent and Northern Ireland, 67.7 per cent.

The number of constituencies in England is now increased by seven to 523, in Northern Ireland by five to 17, in Scotland by one to 72, and in Wales by two to 38. The UK total is now 650 seats.

Noting the increase in the electorate, the Statistical Service states: "This is due to the new electors exceeding the number of deletions due to death and emigration; the effect of the high level of births in the mid-1960s is still strong."

The level of registration of Attainers (formerly called the Y voters) in England and Wales

remained high, at approximately 80 per cent.

There are now 739,854 Attainers – that is boys and girls who became or will become aged 18 between February 17, 1983, and February 15, 1984 – on the register, and 270,180 service voters, compared with 245,854 on the 1982 register.

Constituencies with the largest and smallest electorates are given below. The range of the electorates, following the redrawing of parliamentary boundaries, is now much smaller: from 95,000 to 23,000, compared with a variation from 132,000 to 17,000 in the previous constituencies.

To be eligible to vote, an adult resident in the United Kingdom must be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, or of a Commonwealth country or of the Republic of Ireland. An analysis of the 1981 Register showed that of the eligible people who were born in the United Kingdom, Ireland or the Old Commonwealth, 6 per cent

were not registered.

For those who had been naturalized, or have registered as citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, the proportion not registered was 12 per cent. This contrasted with the much higher rate of non-registration of 31 per cent citizens of the New Commonwealth countries.

1983 ELECTORAL REGISTER

Area	Largest constituency	Electors	Smallest constituency	Electors
England	Isle of Wight	95,357	Hamersmith	46,507
Wales	Pembroke	68,741	Merionydd	30,798
Scotland	Gordon	68,244	Nant Conwy	23,020
N Ireland	Fermanagh & S Tyrone	68,913	Western Isles	54,115

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Stockton-on-Tees

Where personalities count

CANDIDATES

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Frank Cook

Harry Davies

William Rodgers

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Tom Flanagan

Frank Griffiths

Ian Wrigglesworth

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Widdecombe

Profile of Stockton North

1981 % Own Occ 48.3
1981 % Lsc Auth 42.1

1981 % Black/Asian 1.1

1981 % Mid cl 40.6

1981 % Prof man 11.3

1982 % electors 70,605

1979 % SDP/TIN national result: Lab 11,900

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1981 % Lsc Auth 24.1

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1981 % Mid cl 51.8

1981 % Prof man 16.4

1982 % electors 74,111

1979 % SDP/TIN national result: C 800

Key: % Owner Occ: proportion owning their own homes; % Lsc Auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: Proportion of black and Asian people; % Mid cl: middle class; % Prof man: Professions, higher managers, and professionals; % electors: total electorate; % SDP/TIN national result: 1979 in boundary constituency by John B. Wrigglesworth

A hard task faces the Social Democrats in Stockton North and South, their two most crucial northern seats. There was no encouragement for them in the recent local elections, the national polls are equally depressing and the memory of the Dartlington by-election still casts a shadow across the prospects of Mr William Rodgers and Mr Ian Wrigglesworth.

The local Labour establishment is determined that the two sitting members shall learn the error of their ways in leaving the party for the SDP, while the Tories see a split Labour vote as giving them a strong chance.

Boundary changes introduce another precarious factor, for the SDP in what has been for many years Labour-held territory. SDP workers calculate that the new boundary lines broadly change the old balance from an urban to a suburban or rural vote in important places, giving the Conservatives a stronger chance, particularly in Stockton South.

Mr Rodgers is left with a large spread of Labour-voting housing estates to woo across to the SDP view, and Mr Wriggles-

worth has inherited a stretch of countryside where his strong personal appeal is untested. They know that in the present climate it will be their personal records that allow them to remain in power.

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ELECTION JUNE 83

Thatcher gale warning

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Brent pact

Thatcher cautions Tory troops to expect rough with the smooth

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher alerted Conservative Party workers to the danger of overconfidence yesterday, telling them to expect a rough passage at some time during the election campaign and to stay calm when it came.

The fear among senior Conservatives that their strong lead in the polls may encourage some voters to flirt with the Alliance was evident in the cautious warning that the Prime Minister, in a buoyant form, gave to the staff at Tory Central Office.

Workers assembled in the newly refurbished conference room were told by Mrs Thatcher: "I hardly need stress to you how critical these next three weeks are. They will shape the whole of our future from June 9 onwards."

She continued: "You will read the opinion polls. So do I. Having fought together - we are quite a seasoned army - we know that somewhere in the middle of the campaign there will be a very rough passage."

That is the point of time where we all have to stay absolutely calm and absolutely together, to get the answers out and go on putting our policies to the people."

Mrs Thatcher said that she was cautiously optimistic; that was the right way to approach

the election. "We believe passionately in our policies. We believe passionately that they are right for Britain. We shall work to see that we are returned on June 9 so that we will have the second of what I hope will prove to be more than two terms."

She said the party had a duty both to put forward its own positive policies and to show how disastrous the Labour manifesto, if implemented, would be for Britain. She had read it twice, she said, and had come to realize how extreme it was and how far it departed from everything previous Labour leaders and governments had done.

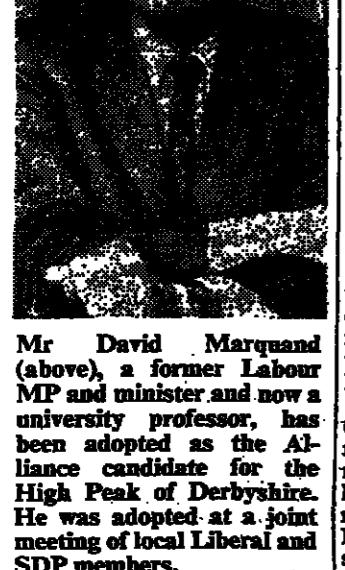
Mrs Thatcher's election tour, which begins on Friday, will not be heavily concentrated on the marginal seats as in 1979, when she visited 39 of the 81 constituencies on the so-called "critical list".

She told her planners of her desire to visit strong Tory areas. As a result, her heavy schedule will be divided almost equally between the marginals and the heartlands.

For security reasons, detailed plans for her tour are not being given, but it is known that she will be travelling to most parts of the country, speaking two days in the West Country and

SDP 'day before yesterday's men'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent



Mr David Marquand (above), a former Labour MP and minister and now a university professor, has been adopted as the Alliance candidate for the High Peak of Derbyshire. He was adopted at a joint meeting of local Liberal and SDP members.

Alliance Welsh plan launched

The SDP/Liberal Alliance claimed yesterday that it could win between 12 and 15 of Wales's 38 seats. Launching its programme for Wales, the Alliance emphasized its first priority would be to reduce unemployment with plans to create 60,000 jobs over the next two years.

Party leaders discounted claims that the Alliance was trailing fourth behind Plaid Cymru after poor results in the local elections, and said its first task was to provide hope, training and employment, particularly for the young.

Sever's fight

Mr John Sever the Labour moderate who was ousted from his Birmingham, Ladywood, constituency by left wingers, is to fight Meriden in Warwickshire for the party. He was chosen from a short list of five to contest the seat won by Conservatives in 1979 with a majority of 4,127.

WRP choice

Mr George McKinlay, aged 24, a BL steward at the strike-bound Albion plant in Glasgow, has been named as a candidate for the Workers' Revolutionary Party to fight the Greenock and Port Glasgow seat.

Couple's clash

Brian McDermott, an actor, who is standing as an independent candidate for the Isle of Wight, has discovered that his wife, Joanna, will be canvassing against him for the Conservatives.

Visit postponed

A planned visit by the Prince of Wales to Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on June 9 has been postponed until June 10.

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The hatchet will formally be buried this evening in the feud between Labour's national executive and the party in Brent East, in London, which has been trying to replace Mr Reginald Freeson with Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council.

Members of the local party were persuaded yesterday to abandon their attempt to hold a reselection meeting. Their legal adviser, Lord Gifford, said they were on doubtful ground in challenging the party executive on its interpretation of the rules.

The may also have been persuaded by letters sent to their homes by Mr James

Mortimer, general secretary of the Labour Party.

Mr Mortimer pointed out the clause in the constituency rules which stipulates that reselection has not been completed and a general election is called, the sitting MP becomes the automatic candidate.

He adds: "May I now urge you, in the interests of the Labour Party, to give your support to the Labour candidate, Reg Freeson? He has been a good and energetic Labour MP, and his return is essential to contribute to the election of a Labour government committed to the manifesto of the party."

The letter shows the depth of concern among party leaders about the potential damage the local party might have done, possibly forcing its disbandment, by continuing its defiance.

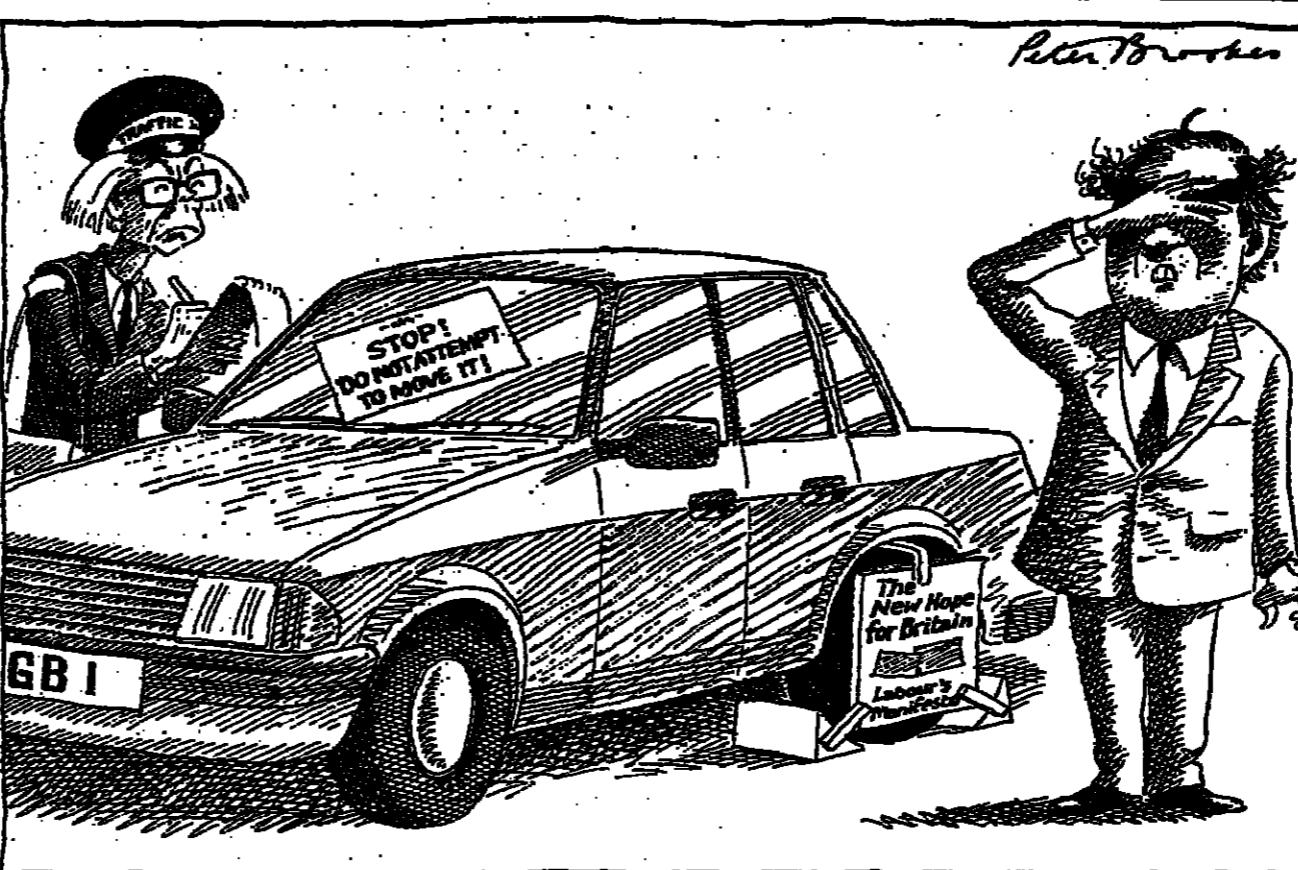
Mr Mortimer ended with an appeal for help in Mr Freeson's campaign, and gave the telephone number of his agent, Mr John Ryan. Yesterday Mr Ryan's telephone was ringing constantly with offers of support.

Mr Colin Adams, chairman of the Brent East party was unwilling to make any public statement until after this evening's meeting of the

general committee, first called as a reselection conference, now expected to call off the reselection.

Mr Adams was given a rough reception on Monday night by his branch, which made it clear that he had no interest in nominating a candidate, and was scathing about the general committee's decision last week to press ahead in defiance of the national executive. Branches in Brent East have received many messages from other branches, many of strong left-wing convictions, urging them to call off the dispute in the interest of fighting the election.

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Labour's magic 'a myth'

From John Winder
West Bromwich

No party except the Communists has ever published such a wholesale attack on British business and management, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday.

Mr Tebbit said that Labour's "magic" was really a myth: spending money to create jobs had been tried by the Callaghan government, and it had failed.

Speaking to officers of Chingford Conservative Association in his Essex constituency, Mr Tebbit said the Labour leader would reinvigorate the economy, win more exports, gain new customers with better service and lower prices "by nationalizing anything that it fancies."

Labour would put the unions back on top of management. They want "Red Robe and his mates" in charge of BEI, Mr Tebbit said.

"We all know Labour's magic, painless, foolproof, easy answer to beat the problem of unemployment. I was often difficult to identify the party's position on a given issue."

"Moreover, in so far as it is possible to identify joint policies, they are generally those of yesterday's year."

It added: "The leadership of the SDP may be described as the day-before-yesterday's men. They see themselves as the heirs of Attlee."

On the Liberals, it said: "From its inception, the Liberal Party has been an uneasy coalition composed of many differing factions and interest groups. Old-fashioned Whigs, descendants of so-called religious non-conformists and exponents of laissez faire, find themselves allied to 'community politicians' and 'politicians of protest'."

"But the party must now be seen as having a place on the left of the political spectrum, as the Lib-Lab pact of 1977-78 showed."

The booklet said that the alliance with the SDP had not been marked by fraternal

Healey upholds team spirit

people are working shoulder to shoulder.

The Conservative election manifesto would be published tomorrow. It was a forgery. This weekend there might be a leading article in *The Sunday Times* by that great historian, Lord Dacre, explaining that when he first read it he thought it was genuine but now realized that it was a forgery because it said just the same things as the last Tory manifesto which they knew was a forgery. In that Mrs Thatcher had said they would create real jobs in Britain but they had trebled unemployment and no one knew that better than people in the West Midlands.

"We need seats in the West Midlands because we cannot win a majority without them. We need a majority next time. We do not want another minority government dependent upon a Liberal rabbie without a leader with every vote that passes."

Mrs Thatcher's real crime against the country was that she had set out deliberately when she took office to destroy the self-confidence in the British people, to turn them into a uniform mass of sullen sub-men meekly acquiescent in everything the Government said

Energy policy to boost jobs

Thousands of jobs for semi-skilled and unskilled workers will be created if Labour comes to power through the party's energy conservation programme, Mr John Smith, the party's energy spokesman, claimed yesterday (Our Political Staff write).

Speaking at the party's London press conference, he said: "The aim would be to insulate most of Britain's housing, starting with a large public sector programme for council houses. People will be recruited from the dole queues instead of being paid to do nothing."

The difference between the Tories and Labour was that Labour was a team with Michael Foot, Roy Hattersley, Eric Varley and Mr Healey - all household names. They were fighting as a team and when they had won the election would run the country as a team.

"You cannot do anything worthwhile in a democratic country unless government and

Census clues to voting intentions

By Our Political Editor

A mass of detailed information about different social and economic characteristics of every parliamentary constituency in Great Britain, compiled from the census, is published today by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

As well as detailed statistics about the population, including familiar classifications by age, occupation, birth and housing tenure, new material includes analysis of how voters travel to work, their higher educational qualifications and other characteristics not previously shown in census monitors.

The tables are full of interest for those searching for votes. They show for example that Brent, South, in north London, has the highest proportion of black and Asian households, that is those in which the head

- the higher the percentage, the more Conservative a seat is likely to be".

The census monitors show that the highest proportion of professional and managerial households, those whose heads are in the Registrar-General's socio-economic groups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 13, are in Esher, in the Surrey stockbroker belt (46 per cent). The lowest proportions are all in the old city centres with Glasgow Provan (2.4 per cent) at the bottom.

The figures for housing tenure, another widely used indicator of voting behaviour, shows that Castle Point, in Essex, has the highest proportion of owner-occupiers (84 per cent) and Southwark and Bermondsey the lowest, at 2.4 per cent of households.

Alliance can soften Tory policies, Rodgers says

BROADCASTING

The SDP-Liberal Alliance could provide the only effective way to soften and modify some of the dangerous tendencies of a re-elected Conservative government, Mr William Rodgers of the SDP said on the BBC's *Election Call* yesterday.

Asked about the possible voters' fear of a "hung" Parliament if they voted for the Alliance, Mr Rodgers said: "The Labour Party has not got a future. It has been suffering a terminal decline and the real question is whether one day you would like to see an SDP-Liberal Alliance government, next time or soon afterwards, and whether you would like an effective opposition to a Conservative government led by Mrs Thatcher or led by anybody else."

He urged people to vote according to their convictions and conscience and not to make calculations about how that would affect the old political parties.

"We are fighting to form the next government of Britain but were that not to happen the country desperately needs an effective Opposition and that is what we could provide."

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towards interest rates has changed."

He said that if Mrs Thatcher decided to go to the Williamsburg summit she would be right.

The reaction of the press to Labour's manifesto was predictable, Mr Peter Shore, Labour's chief spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said yesterday.

Speaking on *The World At One* he said he wanted "an honest, realistic and competitive" pound and not one that was artificial and dishonest, propped up by damagingly high interest rates.

Asked about the forthcoming Conservative advertising campaign poster inviting people to vote away 14 rights by voting Labour, Mr Shore said the public could expect the most grotesque, yet subtle distortions from Saatchi and Saatchi.

Mr Denis Healey, deputy leader of the Labour Party, accused the Conservatives of setting out "deliberately to destroy the self-confidence of our people". World experts said that another Conservative term of office would result in a further half million unemployed.

"Britain, under Mrs Thatcher, is on a journey to the graveyard, and with Mr Tebbit driving the hearse we will be there that bit faster."

The drift to nuclear war continued. Both sides already had enough atomic weapons to destroy the world ten times over but missile continued to be piled upon missile. Mrs Thatcher said there was no alternative and no hope.

Geoffrey Smith



COMMENT

Is the principal purpose of a general election to choose a Prime Minister or a government? Both Labour and the Alliance are putting the emphasis on the team at the top. At their first press conference on Monday Labour belted Mr Foot, Mr Healey and Mr Shore, with Mr Healey and Mr Shore taking their full share of the questions. Yesterday, while Mr Foot was in Lancashire, Mr Healey, Mr Shore and Mr John Smith were on parade, together with Mr Sam McCloskie as chairman of the party.

The Alliance has also been ringing the changes at its conferences. On Monday it was Mr Steel and Mr Jenkins. Yesterday it had Dr Owen and Mr Penhaligon. This morning it will be Mr Steel and Mr Rodgers. On no occasion this week will the entire team be fielded.

In principle it must be right to put forward a collective leadership. Although the power of the Prime Minister had been increasing, and although Mrs Thatcher has become a particularly dominant Prime Minister, we do not yet have presidential government in this country. The electorate senses this and has shown in 1945, 1970 and 1979 that it is not prepared to give office to a party simply because it had the most popular leader.

Making a virtue out of weakness

One of the ways the Conservatives might trip themselves up in this campaign would be by relying too heavily and too obviously upon Mrs Thatcher's personal appeal. The hesitation over whether to attend the Williamsburg summit gave the impression that she doubted if the party could get by without her even for a couple of days. She intends to take the chair herself at most of the morning press conferences, flanked by the chairman of the party and at least one other senior minister. Perhaps she will often refrain from taking the leading part on these occasions, but one would not want to bet on that.

Yet while the approach of Labour and the Alliance is preferable in principle, it is one which they have both adopted from necessity. They have stumbled into making a virtue of their own weakness.

Labour is pushing forward the rest of the team because it has saddled itself with the least impressive leader in the eyes of the electorate. There was that remarkable poll by MORI for BBC's *Panorama* programme last week suggesting that Labour would be running neck-and-neck with the Conservatives if Mr Healey were leader.

So it must be in Labour's interest to make it seem that only a political pedant would fuss about Mr Foot being Prime Minister in a Labour government. One of the principal tests of the party's campaign will be how far it can convey the impression that, if Labour were elected, he would be required not so much to run an administration as to preside benignly over a team of stars.

Inability to solve leadership problem

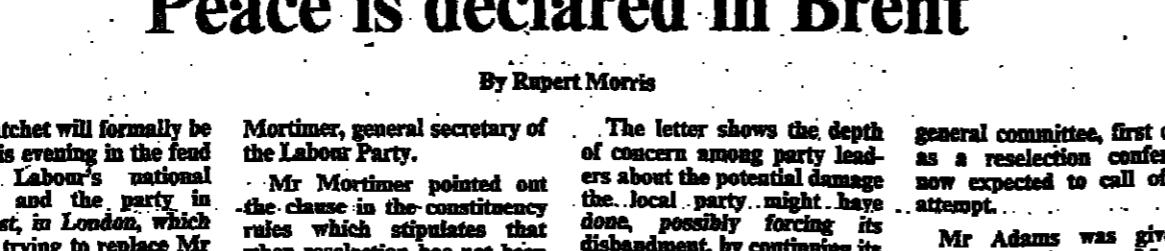
The Alliance has so often proclaimed its faith in the principle of collective leadership that it is tempting to accept what it is doing at its own valuation. Yet, for all the ingenuity displayed in sharing responsibility between a Prime Minister-designate and a chairman of the campaign committee, these arrangements reflect the Alliance's inability to solve the leadership problem.

To distribute power among a team is one thing. But for a prospective government to be led into an election by a person who would not lead them in office is a logical absurdity. It is acceptable in this instance only because nobody believes that the Alliance is going to run the country, and it has come about only because Mr Jenkins has disappointed so many Liberals and Social Democrats with his leadership of the SDP. Otherwise he would be the sole, though not an autocratic, leader of the Alliance.

The task for the Alliance now is to give the impression that it has managed not only to share responsibility but also to develop a coherent power structure. It may not be asking us to elect a Prime Minister alone, but is it really offering a government?

Peace is declared in Brent

By Rupert Morris



Mr Reginald Freeson (right) with his agent, Mr John Ryan (left) handing in his nomination yesterday.

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12. I understand that Labour's plans could mean that prices will double once more, as they did under the last Labour government.

13. I realise that the tax cuts from which I will have benefited under a Conservative government may be withdrawn at once.

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15. I understand that if I sign this now I will not be able to change my mind for at least five years.

SIGNED.

The arms race: US and Russia resume INF talks as chemical weapons debate intensifies in Washington

Congress ready to block Reagan proposal for production of nerve gas

From Nicholas Asford, Washington

For the second successive year, Congress is poised to reject a request by the Reagan Administration for funds to resume production of chemical weapons.

Although the United States possesses huge stocks of nerve gas and other deadly chemical weapons - sufficient to kill every human being on Earth, according to Mr Ed Bethune (Rep, Arkansas) - no new ones have been produced since former President Nixon announced in 1969 that the United States would stop making chemical and biological weapons.

However, the Administration, concerned that the Soviet Union is building up a big chemical weapons advantage, has been trying to resume production for the past two years. In particular, the Administration wants to start building a new breed of "binary" weapons in which the two chemicals which produce the lethal nerve gas are stored in separate containers and are mixed only just before firing.

The Administration has adopted a similar approach to chemical weapons as it has to intermediate-range nuclear missiles. It maintains that the Soviet Union will seriously consider signing an effective treaty banning chemical weapons only when, in the words of President Reagan, the United States has "reestablished a credible retaliatory chemical capability essential to an adequate deterrent". Hence the Administration's request for almost \$1bn (£666m) for chemical warfare in the Pentagon's budget for the fiscal year 1984.

The lion's share is for defensive equipment against a chemical attack and Congress will have no difficulty in approving the funds requested.

However, it is \$194m being sought to resume production which is likely to be met by a new binary bomb, known as "Bigeye", may not work as advertised and may present new safety problems. One of the supposed advantages of binary weapons is that they are safer to handle and transport than unitary ones.

The campaign is being led by Mr Bethune, in whose state is situated the Pine Bluff plant, where the weapons would be made.

Mr Bethune is no liberal on defence matters and is an opponent of the campaign for a nuclear weapons freeze. But on this aspect of the arms race he believes the United States should retain its present high moral ground.

In a letter to the President (and also during a House debate earlier this month) Mr Bethune argued that the United States has a golden opportunity to show the world the sharp contrast between American and Soviet policy on these weapons. He said that, whereas there had been a *de facto* production freeze in the United States for the past 14 years, the Soviet Union had not only gone on producing such weapons but had been using them in Afghanistan and South-East Asia.

The world perception of the United States may be that we are partners in crime with the Soviets when it comes to nuclear weapons, but it doesn't have to be that way with chemical weapons," he said.

Last year Mr Bethune tabled an amendment against a resumption of production which was approved in the House by 251 to 159. He expects an even larger margin of support this time.

The mood in Congress has been reinforced by a new report by the General Accounting Office which has said that the

new binary bomb, known as "Bigeye", may not work as advertised and may present new safety problems. One of the supposed advantages of binary weapons is that they are safer to handle and transport than unitary ones.

The report found there were a multitude of unanswered questions related to chemical warfare modernization and expressed concern that binary weapons could make an eventual chemical weapons agreement more difficult to verify.

The Administration, which plans to spend between \$6bn and \$7bn over the next five years improving the United States chemical weapons capability, appears determined not to be put off by congressional resistance.

The Army has been carrying out a massive lobbying campaign which has included testimony by Dr Theodore Gold, the Pentagon's chief chemical weapons specialist, who pointed out that more than 70 per cent of existing United States stocks were either unserviceable or in need of extensive renovation.

Even if Congress were to approve a resumption of production, there would still be the question of deployment. The most obvious theatre for their deployment would be West Europe, but America's Nato allies have refused to allow storage of new chemical weapons on their soil.

Dr Gold said no decisions had been taken on deployment and that the weapons would be sent overseas only "after full consultation with the nations involved." Some Pentagon officials clearly believe it will be considerably easier to deal with Nato governments than it is with their own legislators.

The two delegation leaders



Talking again: Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky greeting Mr Paul Nitze of the United States at the Soviet mission in Geneva when the arms negotiations resumed yesterday.

More flexibility at Geneva

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The first meeting in the American-Soviet negotiations on controlling medium-range missiles in Europe lasted two hours and provided Mr Paul Nitze, the US delegation leader, with an opportunity to expand on the Reagan "interim" proposal.

He first handed over details of this to his Soviet counterpart, Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky, on March 29, the last day of the previous round, the fifth.

Yesterday's meeting was held at the Soviet diplomatic mission. The next will be on Thursday at the US diplomatic offices, further down the hopefully-named avenue de la Paix.

Possible flexibility on the Soviet side is also implied in Mr Yuri Andropov's recent proposal that the count in an

East-West tactical nuclear balance be based on warheads rather than on delivery systems. Each of the 351 Soviet SS20s trained on Western Europe has three independently-targeted warheads.

Beyond that, however, the Russians continue to insist that the overall tally include not only aircraft with delivery capacity but also the independent British and French deterrents.

These are, respectively, 64 submarine-borne Polaris missiles with 102 warheads, not independently targetable, and 80 submarine-launched and 18 land-based missiles, all single warheads.

Mr Nitze at 76 is 30 years

the Russian's senior - posed for the cameras but avoided the microphones.

Mr Nitze had already indicated that his top priority was trying to persuade the Russians of the merits of the Reagan proposal, irrespective of its having been publicly rejected in *Priroda*. He has also made the point that there is "more latitude" now in the mandate he has from the Administration than at any time since the negotiations started 18 months ago.

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Mitterrand blames American policy for world recession

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As the dollar rose to a record on the foreign exchanges of 7.42 francs against the French currency, President Mitterrand yesterday attacked the American budget deficit and high interest rates for being one of the principal causes of the world economic recession.

The same there is likely to dominate a two-day meeting starting in Paris today of the heads of six Socialist countries - France, Sweden, Finland, Greece, Portugal and Senegal - whose aim is to draw up a "Socialist response to the economic crisis" less than a fortnight before the summit of the seven main industrialized nations in Williamsburg. France is the only Socialist country that will be attending the summit.

At a press conference at the end of a two-day Franco-German summit, M Mitterrand said it was "not right that the American budget should be paid by us, that that deficit lead to high interest rates, and that the dollar, now at record levels, should be one of the causes of the world economic imbalance".

Herr Kohl said Bonn would try to deal with those norms immediately.

There was a complete identity of view on defence and security. M Mitterrand and Herr Kohl both reaffirmed their backing for the Nato "dual-track" decision on medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, insisting that, while they still hoped for a favourable outcome to the Geneva arms talks, they would support the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles in the event of the breakdown of those negotiations.

Herr Kohl described the talks as intense, frank, sincere and friendly, and expressed his particular appreciation for the invitation to breakfast at M Mitterrand's private home near Notre Dame, in the Latin Quarter, followed by an unexpected walk by the two heads of state in a sparkling sunshine along the Boulevard St Germain, the scene of many of the recent violent disturbances between students and police.

The Chancellor flew home yesterday afternoon after lunch at the Elysee.

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Diplomats are spies, Quick says

From Michael Binyon, Hamburg

More than 1,000 journalists and staff from *Stern* and nine other magazines published by the Gruner and Jahr company repeated their demands at mass meetings yesterday for the resignation of Herr Gerd Schulte-Hillebrand, the board chairman, who has been most closely identified with the Hitler diaries fiasco. They also called for the resignation of Herr Henri Nannen and the two new editors appointed last week.

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Walker claims British success

EEC farm prices rise by 4%

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Price rises for EEC farm products averaging a modest 4.3 per cent were finally agreed by agriculture ministers in Brussels early yesterday after 14 hours of hard bargaining. The settlement means at least an extra 8 per cent for French farmers, which it was hoped would be enough to stop their destructive border protests. It also was low enough to allow Mr Peter Walker, the British Agriculture Minister, to make the vote-catching claim that housewives would scarcely notice the increase.

Mr Poul Dalsager, the EEC's Agriculture commissioner, said this was the first occasion he could remember that ministers had not pushed up the Commission's proposals. This, he felt, reflected the genuine concern that farm price rises could bankrupt the Community.

Commission sources estimated the total cost this year at about £260m, and a further £47m next year. According to Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German minister presiding, this money could be found within the Community's available resources this year, but tough measures to control surpluses would be needed next year if the EEC was not to run out of money.

This warning was clearly

EFFECT OF FARM DEAL

Country	% rise in prices for farmers	Long-term % impact on food prices
West Germany	2.9	0.8
France	6.4	2.8
Italy	6.8	3.7
Netherlands	2.6	1.1
Belgium	4.4	3.0
Luxembourg	3.9	2.4
United Kingdom	4.1	1.8
Austria	8.1	5.0
Denmark	4.0	1.8
Greece	14.0	12.9
Community Avg.	5.5	2.8

The figures take account of green rate variations.

meant to concentrate further the minds of EEC foreign ministers due to meet in Brussels next Tuesday to discuss the size of the British budget rebate for 1983 and to seek a blueprint for future financing. The danger of running out of money next year is becoming that much more real as a result of the settlement.

Mr Walker said the settlement proved that the British Government had once again served both housewife and farmer well. He felt the increase for farmers was fair and was particularly pleased that some extra cash had been found for Britain's beleaguered pig breeders.

But he was most pleased that

the deal would put less than one halfpenny in the pound on food prices and would have virtually no effect on the cost of living index. Last year, he pointed out, food price increases caused by the settlement had added only 1 per cent to the inflation rate, compared with 1 per cent a fortnight under Labour.

He also claimed that food subsidies reaching the British housewife were in the region of £300m a year. Of this, £24m was in the form of a special butter subsidy worth 2p a lb. He had argued that it was better to increase the butter subsidy in this way than to provide money to help export butter to the Soviet Union.

Mr Walker felt he had done much better than M. Michel Rocard, his French colleague, who had been unable to get much help for small farmers. In Mr Walker's view, France had suffered at the negotiating table as a direct result of the "irresponsible and illegal" actions of French farmers in destroying agricultural imports.

M. Rocard, however, emerged to claim that he had won "a good agreement." Most important of all for French farmers, he said, he had been able to close the gap between the weak "green franc" and the strong "green mark", which will ease French food exports to West Germany.

Catalan bank crash worries Madrid

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The Spanish Government, which has done everything not to upset the country's private banking system, yesterday was faced by demands to nationalize Catalonia's stricken regional bank, the Banca Catalana. The demands came from both the Socialist Party in Catalonia and the bank's own staff.

Employees at the Barcelona headquarters announced that it would stay open indefinitely, while colleagues were travelling by road to Madrid to stage a demonstration outside the

antagonizing either the Madrid private bankers or his own Socialist Party reinforced.

A third possible solution, under which the Bank of Spain would consider a sale to "La Caixa", Catalonia's leading savings and pension bank, would conflict with a Socialist election pledge.

On Monday, the Catalan Socialist Party recommended that the Government nationalize the Banca Catalana and then gradually return it to Catalan public institutions.

Ecologists try to save wildlife from gun range

From Harry Debelen, Madrid

A few dozen farmers, professors and artists are fighting a quixotic battle to save a vast private estate, teeming with wildlife, from being turned into Europe's biggest aerial gunnery range.

They are few because the district in which the 60,000-acre estate is located - in the hills between Toledo and Ciudad Real - has a population of only 15,000. They have moral support, however, from many ecology-minded individuals and organizations in Spain and abroad, including the International Society for the Preservation of Birds under the presidency of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Their battle to save the Cabáñeros area seems destined to failure because the Defence Ministry has apparently already bought the private hunting estate. Repeated sit-ins, marches and other protest actions have had little repercussion beyond Ciudad Real, the nearest city, which is 40 miles away from Alcalá de los Montes, the ownership which includes Cabáñeros.

In addition to being an old shooting ground for General Franco and his ministers, Cabáñeros is the home of 40 pairs of imperial eagles, of which only a few hundred are thought to be left in the world. It also abounds in other wildlife including black storks, black vultures, deer, wild boar, lynxes, wildcats and rabbits.

Emergency in Sri Lanka

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

The Sri Lanka Government declared a national state of emergency from 5pm today to minimize the possibility of violence after polling ends in 13 parliamentary by-elections.

Polling for seats on 46 local bodies in areas where no by-elections are being held will take place from today until Friday. The government announced

yesterday that police had received information that certain groups might cause trouble today but that the state of emergency would be lifted soon if conditions remained normal.

Mr Amirthalingam Govindaraj, a son of the leader of the opposition, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, and three others were arrested yesterday



Standing up to be counted: Supporters return President Moi's wave as he leaves Parliament after announcing the election.

Kenya calls election a year early

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

President Moi yesterday ordered parliamentary elections in September, a year before they are due. His decision followed an unprecedented political crisis which followed his recent announcement that an unnamed Kenyan was being groomed by a foreign power to become President.

At yesterday's meeting of the governing council of the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kanu), President Moi did not name the man he had referred to. But he said he stood by his original remarks.

The meeting, attended by 130 representatives of Kanu from all parts of Kenya, took place in the parliamentary building behind closed doors, and lasted less than an hour.

President Moi said: "From the day I took over as President of this republic, I have appealed for unity, hard work and being mindful of people's welfare. I have also repeatedly emphasized the Nyayo (footsteps) philosophy of love, peace and unity."

He was grateful to Kenyans who had supported his philosophy, but he had been concerned and disappointed with the performance of some ministers and top officials.

"At times such people have conducted themselves in a manner which leads me to question their loyalty to me as head of

state, to their Government and to this country," he said.

Because of their greed and selfishness, it had proved difficult to eliminate corruption and to reconstruct the country's economy.

"I am aware that some of these people have been playing some part in getting the external press to say some adverse things about our country," he added.

"It is absurd that some of these people I have appointed to senior positions have outwardly pretended to be loyal to me and yet behind the scenes they have been using their positions to promote their selfish ambitions."

He said the patience he had shown since 1978 was exhausted. "From now on any leader or public officer who conducts himself in a suspicious manner will not only be required to resign or be dismissed, but will also face disciplinary action."

"I am determined to rectify the weaknesses which we have been witnessing in the Government because of the conduct of these evil-minded people. In order to clean the system I have therefore decided that all elected leaders, including myself, will seek fresh mandates from the electorate. General elections will take place in September."

President Moi said he would meanwhile embark on an exercise "to sort out

problems within the civil service." He added: "Our security forces are loyal and vigilant. They are ready all the time to defend the country, the people and the elected Government against any attempt to interfere with the smooth running of the Government."

"I have no details of the problems within the civil service to which he had referred. Parliamentary elections in Kenya take place on a universal adult franchise. Although there is provision for the President to be elected in the same way, he has always been returned unopposed and that will again be the case in September, since President Moi, in his capacity as President of Kanu, will be the party candidate."

Mr Charles Njonjo, the Minister for Constitutional Affairs, who had said on his return from Europe that he had never sought any post in Kenya with foreign support, was not present at yesterday's meeting.

The reaction of many Kenyans was one of surprise that no "traitor" had been named by President Moi. It is now likely that the hysteria of the past week, during which frequent calls have been made for the "traitor" to be named, will subside as preparations for the elections get under way.

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Father Jankowski: False allegations.

Protest at slurs on Walesa

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

A group of Polish shipyard workers, claiming to represent tens of thousands of employees throughout the Baltic coast, have lodged a strong protest about the government propaganda campaign against Mr Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader, and his priest. They have issued a veiled threat of industrial action should the attacks continue.

In a letter to the Sejm, the Polish Parliament, the workers say: "We warn that continued campaigns of this kind will encounter our tangible and severe response. The whole working class of the country will join if we call upon them. Do not let anybody think that this warning can be treated lightly."

The letter, written on the official stationery of the construction and project department of the Lenin Shipyard in Gdańsk, has been signed by representatives of 13 shipyards and industrial plants.

Both Mr Walesa and his priest, Father Henryk Jankowski, have come in for sharp criticism from the official press. The idea seems to be to discredit the notion that the Government can be pressured into talking to the former union leader.

Solidarity, now outlawed, had hoped that the twin pressure of May Day demonstrations and the need to make some concessions before the papal visit next month would lead to some form of talks. The government has dismissed this and has responded by mocking Mr Walesa as a "sparrow posing as a hawk".

The workers' letter, which is also addressed to cardinal Józef Glemp, the Polish Primate, makes clear that the Gdańsk shipyards, where Mr Walesa now works as an electrician, is still behind the solidarity chairman.

The letter defends Father Jankowski against press allegations that his father had collaborated with the Germans during the war.

Organized crime 'out of control' in Australia

Sydney (Reuter) - Organized crime, ranging from prostitution to horse race fixing and pornography, is out of control in Australia, according to an official report just out.

Controlling organized crime is one of the challenges of the "code", Mr Douglas Meagher, a lawyer member of a royal commission investigating the activities of the Ship Painters' and Dockers' Union said. He drew up the 213-page report, covering all forms of organized crime, as a discussion paper.

Hong Kong has become the financial centre for a very large number of Australian criminal organizations, the Meagher report said. It outlined some of the criminal activities. Australian criminals have developed a worldwide expertise in shoplifting and have made organized child abductions and other involve drugged sexual acts.

Security papers to be published by approval only

From Tony Dubondu
Melbourne

The Federal Government and the *National Times* weekly newspaper reached an agreement yesterday on the publication of three more articles in a series on Australia's security services.

In the High Court Sir Harry Gibbs, the Chief Justice, was told that the newspaper had undertaken to publish an approved version of the articles. The hearing followed an interim injunction granted to the Federal Government earlier this month to stop the newspaper publishing further articles based on secret intelligence documents.

The report states that much of Australia's pornography is produced by children, provided that the *National Times* does not publish any additional material.

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The Middle East balance of power: Israel's second pact with an Arab neighbour provokes Damascus into swift retaliation

Syria cuts off roads to Beirut

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

Syria responded angrily to the signing of the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal accord yesterday by ordering its Army to close all roads across Lebanon between the Israeli and Syrian front lines, claiming publicly that the Lebanese Government of President Gemayel had "lost its legitimacy".

Violent leading articles in the government-controlled press in Damascus – unparalleled in their ferocity even by Syrian standards – gave chilling warning that "nobody in the Lebanese authorities will escape punishment, whatever his position may be".

Syrian troops on the Beirut-Damascus highway at Sofar, just half a mile from the Israeli front line above Beirut, were the first to cut off communication between eastern Lebanon and the capital. They turned back all motorists trying to reach Beirut and then closed the mountain road through Hammara.

Just over an hour after Israeli and Lebanese delegates had attended the second signing ceremony at Kiryat Shmona, all telephone lines between Beirut and the Syrian-controlled eastern Lebanese town of Zahle, which pass through Syrian positions in the mountains, went dead. The telephone authorities in Beirut confirmed

Embassy bombs

Athens (AP) – A bomb went off outside the Syrian Embassy in an Athens suburb early yesterday and another at a nearby private school attended by children of Libyan embassy staff. A Syrian car was destroyed but no injuries were caused.

Only last week, Mr Elias Salem, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, was in Damascus trying to persuade President Assad to accept the formula drawn up with the assistance of Mr George Shulz, the American Secretary of State, for the Israeli Army to move out of Lebanon. Yet only yesterday, the authorities here were de-

livered the lines had been cut but could offer no explanation.

On the face of it, yesterday's action by Syria is the gravest sign so far that Syria has no intention of softening its opposition to the withdrawal agreement. Over the past eight months, Israeli troops in the mountains above Beirut have often closed the international highway without warning for up to 24 hours. But if Syria refuses to reopen the roads within the next two days, it will have effectively started the partition of Lebanon.

The Lebanon Government, the paper said, "has lost its legitimacy, as well as its capability and competence in directing the Lebanese people and becomes a full partner of Israel and the United States in their schemes against the Arab World".

Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, meanwhile, expanded his Government's objections in an interview with the left-wing Beirut newspaper *Al-Safir*. He claimed that the withdrawal agreement and the original Camp David accord between President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, were "two faces of one coin".

Mr Khaddam implied that President Gemayel had acted like Marshal Petain, the wartime French leader. Yesterday's events quite

overshadowed the continuing divisions in the ranks of the Palestine Liberation Organization, where guerrilla officers based in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon, have been demanding that Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, should refuse any further suggestions of a compromise peace with Israel.

It transpired yesterday that one reason for their disenchantment sprang from a decision by Mr Arafat to appoint two new military commanders in the Bekaa. Both men had been PLO officers in southern Lebanon when the Israeli Army invaded last June, and both are believed to have fled their posts under fire.

Mr Arafat remained in Damascus yesterday but scrupulously avoided condemning the Israeli-Lebanese withdrawal agreement, commenting only that the PLO supported those Lebanese politicians who opposed the accord.

Syria may decide to reopen the roads across Lebanon today, treating the affair only as a further warning to the Lebanese Government. But if they are not firmly open to all traffic, the Syrians will presumably consider some form of identity check, inevitably giving the front line the appearance of an international frontier.



Hands of peace: Dr David Kimche of Israel (left), Mr Antoine Fattal of Lebanon (right) and Mr Morris Draper, the US special Middle East envoy, joining hands after the signing of the Lebanon pact in Khalde.

Premier of Upper Volta held

Ouagadougou (AFP) – Captain Thomas Sankara, Upper Volta's Prime Minister, was arrested in a dawn swoop by security agents loyal to Major Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo, the head of state, it was learnt here.

The arrest of Captain Sankara, considered the most radical member of the ruling People's Salvation Council, came shortly before Major Ouédraogo announced that the council was being purged of "irresponsible" elements.

Reports reaching Niamey, capital of Niger, said troops were patrolling the streets of Ouagadougou and that the international airport had been closed. Captain Sankara was appointed Prime Minister in January two months after the coup that toppled the government of Colonel Saye Zerbo.

Crash Britons' bodies found

Carpentras, France (AP) – The burnt bodies of three Britons missing since May 7 when their private aircraft disappeared on a flight from Nice have been discovered near the summit of Mt Ventoux (6,000m).

They were identified as Alexander Wagstaff, 37, of Robertsbridge, Sussex, David Boggis, 30, of Liverpool and Mrs Amanda Fisher-Pearson, 25, of Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Siege man dies

Brentwood, New York (Reuters) – Robert Wicks, a dismissed part-time teacher who shot himself on Monday night after freeing 20 pupils whom he had held hostage for nine hours in a school, died in hospital. A 15-year-old pupil he shot in the hand and stomach was in a stable condition. Wicks had a history of psychiatric problems, police said.

Second opinion

Johannesburg – A second post mortem examination has been carried out by a private pathologist on the body of Timothy Manana, the black man who died during questioning at Dircieisdorp police station on May 3. Lawyers for the Manana family were not content to rely on the state pathologist's findings.

Blue jumper

Houston (Reuters) – Using suction cups, a man wearing a mask, blue wig and blue jump suit climed up the side of the 71-storey Allied Bank Plaza building in Houston, put on a parachute, leaped off and landed on the roof of a car park. Police arrested him for trespassing.

Ex-Nazi quits

Vienna (Reuters) – Herr Friedrich Peter, parliamentary floor leader of the Right-Liberal Freedom Party, junior partners in Austria's coalition, has abandoned an attempt to become a deputy President of Parliament, because of public objections to his wartime past as an officer in an SS unit.

860 miles left

San Francisco (AP) – Peter Bird, hoping to become the first person to row solo across the Pacific, has completed 7,640 miles of his 8,500-mile trip and is "counting the days" until his landing in Australia. The trip's coordinator said He has been at sea more than 270 days.

Editor seized

Valetta – Mr Tony Mallia, editor of the Nationalist Party's press in Malta, was arrested after he interviewed Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the opposition leader, on the clandestine Radio Liberty. The party's newspaper carried part of the interview.

Elections void

Port-au-Prince (Reuters) – Municipal elections in two Haitian towns, Petit-Goave and Fort-Liberte, were declared void because of fraud in Sunday's poll. Election officials said in both places the government candidate won.

Strike wave engulfs France

From Diana Gledhill, Paris

The Paris Metro and main-line train services throughout France are expected to be severely disrupted today as members of the Force Ouvrière, one of the three largest trade union federations, hold a "day of action". The protest is against the Government's austerity measures and its alleged lack of consultation with the union.

The uneasy atmosphere of a government under siege is continuing as further strikes and demonstrations are announced.

Tomorrow, dockers and customs officials are due to hold 24-hour strikes, the former in pursuit of claims for higher pay, and the latter in support of demands for more jobs.

Meanwhile, secondary school teachers are continuing their fortnight of action in protest against inadequate educational resources, and grave diggers and funeral parlour workers in Paris pursue their strike in support of demands for better working conditions.

The results of a ballot of medical students, announced yesterday, showed a majority in

favour of accepting compromise proposals on Government plans to reform medical education, which were put forward last week by Government-appointed mediators. It is, however, by no means certain that the vote will end the three-month strike by medical students.

The situation last night appeared confused with some students voting for the compromise package but against the resumption of courses, while others voted against the package but for the end of the strike.

Students in Paris occupied the Sorbonne and the Gare Montparnasse for a couple of hours yesterday but left calmly when the police arrived. By late afternoon, there were no reports of any incidents in the capital.

A demonstration by shopkeepers on Monday evening, however, had again led to a violent baton charge by riot police, in which several people were injured, including a television journalist, wearing an official press armband.

Recent complaints of police brutality against journalists prompted M Georges Fillois, the Minister for Commun-

cations, to write yesterday to M Joseph Franceschi, the Minister for State Security, asking him to renew his instructions to police chiefs "to take the necessary precautions to avoid the repetition of this kind of incident".

The Ministry of Defence confirmed a newspaper report that six squadrons of military police belonging to a tank regiment were standing by on the outskirts of Paris. However, it denied firmly that there was any intention of bringing tanks into the capital.

It seems unlikely that yesterday's agreement by EEC ministers on agricultural prices (report, page 11) will bring the French Government a respite from demonstrations by farmers either. One of the main farm unions has already denounced the increases as inadequate.

● Jobless fall: The number of unemployed in France fell again slightly in April for the sixth consecutive month to 2,017,000 (seasonally adjusted), the Employment Ministry announced. Unemployment has risen by only 1.1 per cent over the past year.

Russians reinforce garrison

Islamabad (Reuters) – The Soviet Union may have sent a new division-sized force of up to 6,000 troops to Afghanistan, Western diplomats reported yesterday.

They said the troops arrived, probably over the past few weeks, in the provincial capital of Herat, near the border with Iran and the scene of recent heavy fighting with insurgents. It was not clear if they were reinforcements for the 105,000 Soviet troops already in Afghanistan.

Soviet troops are usually replaced by fresh units during April and May and the Herat force could be a replacement for a similar force in another part of the country.

The diplomats said however that recent reports indicated more Soviet troops were arriving in Afghanistan than were leaving as part of the rotation system. It was the first time since the Soviet intervention of Afghanistan that their troops had been stationed at Herat.

New effort to end Gulf war

Tehran (Reuters) – Ministers from two Gulf states met President Khamenei of Iran yesterday on the second day of a mission which informed sources said was aimed at presenting a new plan to end the Iran-Iraq war.

The meeting coincided with the arrival in Tehran on Mr Mohammad Ben Ahmed Abd al-Hamid, the Algerian Prime Minister, for talks which also appeared aimed at bringing peace.

Arab and Iranian officials say the two Gulf envoys, Shahab al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Kuwait Foreign Minister, and Mr Rashid bin Abdulla al-Nuaimi, United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, are here to discuss the huge oil slick caused by damaged Iranian oil wells in the Gulf.

On Sunday Mr Ali Akbar Yellayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said the Gulf ministers' visit had nothing to do with ending the war.

Tehran radio quoted president Khamenei as telling the envoys to "show seriousness" so efforts to solve the oil slick problems would produce results. Iranian reports have said Tehran urged the Gulf ministers to put pressure on Iraq over the oil slick.

The Gulf envoys had been expected to move on to Baghdad by yesterday for talks there before reporting back to a meeting of six Arab oil states in Saudi Arabia today.

The number of meetings they have with Iranian leaders appears to suggest that whatever has been discussed has been substantial.

Moscow accepts Reagan offer on grain sales

Washington (Reuters, AP) – The Soviet Union has accepted President Reagan's offer to start negotiating a new long-term grain deal, administration officials said yesterday.

Mr Reagan, who suspended talks on a new agreement 16 months ago after the imposition of martial law in Poland, offered to resume them last month, under pressure from financially stricken American farmers.

Mr Richard Lyng, the Deputy Agriculture Secretary, said Moscow's acceptance, conveyed on Monday night by Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador, to Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, was not made subject to conditions in other areas of US-Soviet relations, such as arms control.

The present long-term grain agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union, which took effect in 1976 and will expire in September, provided for grain sales valued at more than \$9.5 billion (£6 billion).

Mr Lyng told a press conference that the United negotiations.

Canadian MP charged

From John Best, Ottawa

A Liberal MP and former member of the Canadian Cabinet, Mr Bryce Mackay, has been charged with influence peddling in connection with an alleged effort to steer government business towards a Montreal engineering firm, now bankrupt.

Three charges were laid against Mr Mackay, aged 61, by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Montreal on Monday.

One charge, laid under a section of the Criminal Code dealing with bribery of public officials, alleges that Mr Mackay illegally and corruptly accepted \$40,000 (£20,000) in exchange for attempting to obtain federal government contracts for the engineering firm, L'Es Ateliers d'Usine.

Defiant Cape squatters arrested in dawn raid

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African police arrested scores of "illegal" black squatters outside Cape Town early yesterday after firing dozens of tear gas canisters into a crowd of about 300 blacks and whites who refused to disperse.

Mrs Thozama Ncitha, six months pregnant, was taken unconscious to Groote Schuur Hospital, and several babies were treated for the effects of

tear gas. Mrs Ncitha was later said to be satisfactory.

There has been something like a running battle between police and blacks at the squatter camp on the edge of the Guguletu township since February. Last week the police seized all the squatters' possessions including blankets and medicines for sick children. They then mounted a round-the-clock watch to ensure that

the squatters did not return to rebuild their flimsy shelters.

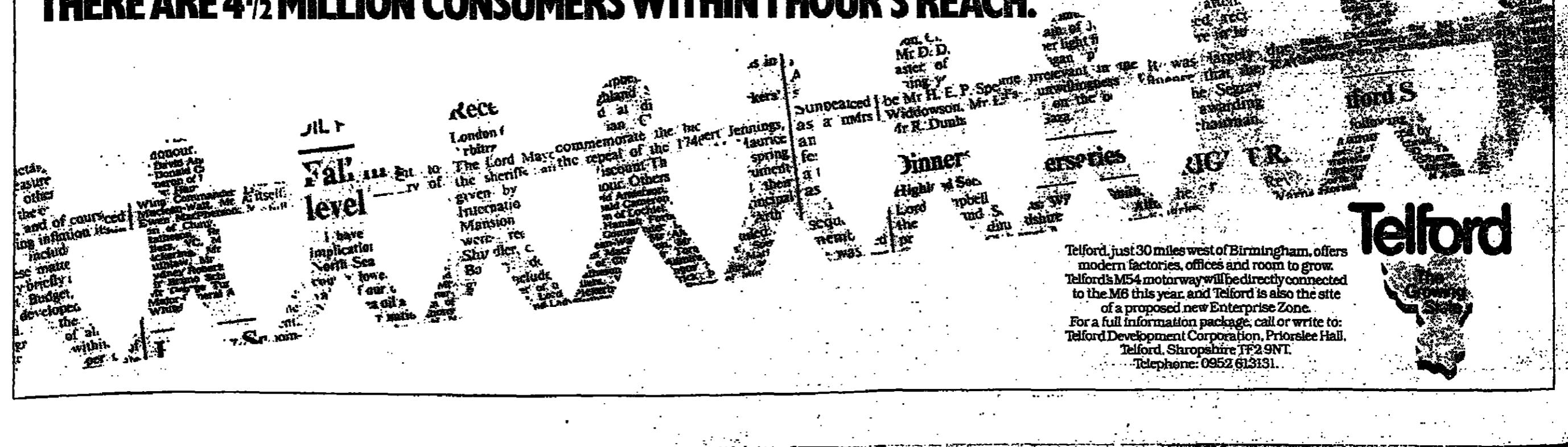
The squatters crept back, however. "Our clothes, food, cooked and uncooked, and medicines were taken away. But we are prepared to face anything, even death. We are citizens of this country, we will not move", one of them told white sympathisers.

On Monday night, police reinforcements arrived and set

about building a barbed-wire fence around the camp to prevent further infiltration. About 200 squatters had earlier been given permission to stay in the Cape Town area, but about 200 "illegals" remained at the site.

They were joined about 150 whites who had been attending a meeting of an organization that seeks to bring together women of different races.

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THE ARTS

Opera: John Higgins visits *La Belle Hélène* at the Opéra Comique in Paris, and Christopher Warman reports on Covent Garden's plans for 1983-84.

Two good showmen in delicious accord

Last Christmas at Geneva Jérôme Savary staged a *Perichole* that turned out to be a whirlwind of colour and vitality. It was reported on this page at the time. Now he is back in Paris, home of his company Le Grand Magic Circus, with an earlier Offenbach, *La Belle Hélène*, which is crumpling the Opéra Comique.

Savary and Offenbach go together much as Mœt and Chandon. When they are twinned they fizz. In a mildly tongue-in-cheek note in the Opéra's monthly magazine Savary claims that if *opéra* is to succeed – a rather more difficult operation than putting on grand opera in his view – then "If you du 'pep'". He adds that he is all against unemployment, so for the past three years he has never employed a cast of fewer than 40.

True to his word, Savary provides pep and bodies in abundance. He keeps his cast on the go the whole time, turning double somersaults, dancing the can-can to show off underskirts made of the *tricor* and even swimming in the sea at Nauplion in a feast of visual chicanery. Savary's company splits sharply in two: the young and beautiful (Helen, Paris, their attendant nymphets and accompanying androgynous swains) and the middle-aged and ridiculous (Agamemnon, Menelaus and Calchas). In the final act at Nauplion, the especial triumph of the production, it

is as if the Club Méditerranée has been invaded by a tour operator specializing in the Darbys and Joans.

Savary is not a man bent on pleasing the purists. He tosses in topical jokes; the Mitterrand austerity regime receives several a passing thrwack. He delights in mild outrage: there is a female dwarf who sounds as if she answers to the name of Iphigenie. If the right singer is not available for the role then he will pillage the straight theatre: Jacques Sereys of the Comédie Française, a beaky-nosed comedian somewhat in the mould of Jacques Charon, is a joy as Menelaus, topped in a bowler hat and tailed in the pleated skirt of the ezone. Should a defence be needed then Savary would doubtless claim that he is a showman and probably go on to point out that Offenbach was one. Opponents might point out that Metthac and Halevy included a line or two of classical Greek in their couples.

Sereys appears in all performances, but some of the other roles are double and even triple cast. Susan Daniel, a British mezzo who has been working in Basle and Munich, has all the physical allure for the title part; she pours into her sheath dress and carries an ostrich perfume well. But the voice is less voluptuous than the body – "Dis moi, Venus" could have done with a little more sensuality of tone.



By the waters of Nauplion: Jules Bastin (left), Michel Trempong, Michel Hamel

Similarly Michael Cousin's Paris needed a touch more vocal grace in numbers such as "Au mont Ida", but he is a skilled comedian and a fearless singer; moreover, he can wear a leopard skin without embarrassment, an accomplishment not given to all tenors.

The core of Savary's production is provided by three expert and experienced Offenbach hands: Jules Bastin (Agamemnon), Michel Trempong (Calchas), and Michel Hamel (Achilles), who know just how to send

up a Handelian chorus or take Wagner a little less seriously. It is the art of exaggeration, so that if the Agamemnon has a spare tire of his own around the belly then make sure to provide him with another inner tube for taking the waters at Nauplion. Bastin carries both nobly.

Not exactly the view of the Trojan Wars taken by Jean Giraudoux in *La Guerre de Troie* at our own National Theatre at the moment? Well, no, but a very Parisian and some would say

rather witty one, crisply conducted by Claude Schnitzler, who has taken over the orchestra from Alain Lombard this month. And for Offenbach himself a postscript of thanks: at one point he considered adding Homer to the cast list, described as "The Man from *The Times*", but fortunately he thought better of it.

Remaining performances, with cast changes: tomorrow, May 23, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 31.

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, is to mount seven new opera productions in its 1983-84 season, including a double bill of Ravel's *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges*, receiving its first performance in the house, and Stravinsky's *The Nightingale*, last heard at Covent Garden in Beecham's winter season of 1919. They will mark the opening in September this year of the Ravel-Varese Festival, organized by the London Sinfonietta, and both will be produced by John Dexter and designed by David Hockney, the team who first presented them at the Met in New York.

Courageous array of new productions

The seven new productions, some of them borrowed from other houses, compare with only two new productions during the present season. At a press conference yesterday to announce the programme Sir Claus Moser, the Chairman, acknowledged that Covent Garden faces its most difficult financial situation, but added: "After two or three lean years we all felt we simply must get back to a more satisfactory level of new productions, which are

the lifeblood of an opera house."

Some had been borrowed at very low cost, and not all were full-scale new productions, but he hoped they would give the public "some new experiences on the sort of budget we have". He said that they did not yet know the grant they would receive from the Arts Council next year but, if the worst predictions proved correct, Covent Garden would face a deficit of up to £800,000.

There are three totally new productions. *Boris Godunov* by Mussorgsky will be conducted by Claudio Abbado, the title role being sung for the first time by Robert Lloyd. The producer and designer will be announced next month.

Bellini's *I Capuletti ed i Montecchi*, which has not been presented at Covent Garden since 1848, will be conducted by Riccardo Muti and produced and designed by Pier Luigi Pizzi. In June 1984 *Aida* returns

to Covent Garden after an absence of seven years, conducted by Zubin Mehta with production and design by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle. The cast includes Luciano Pavarotti, who recently cancelled his scheduled performances in *Tosca* at Covent Garden, and Katia Ricciarelli as Aida.

There is to be a production new to Britain of Massenet's *Esclarmonde*, never before performed at Covent Garden, with Joan Sutherland in the title

role – her last new role with the Royal Opera. This production, originally presented by San Francisco Opera, is the first at Covent Garden by Lotfi Mansouri. Giordano's *Andrea Chénier* will be given in a production from the Cologne Opera which opens in Germany later this month. In London it will be conducted by Richard Armstrong with a cast led by José Carreras and Rosalind Plowright.

The programme will also include 13 revivals, among them *Die Fledermaus* with Plácido Domingo making his house debut as conductor, and Berg's *Lulu* and *Wozzeck*.

Chaikin: openly creative

Among the established innovators of American experimental theatre Joseph Chaikin's name commands unique respect and affection. A youthful curly 47-year-old of great modesty, sweetness and quietness, he appeared with the Judith Malina/Julian Beck Living Theater for four years before leaving in 1963 to found the Open Theater, whose productions of Jean-Claude van Itallie's *American Hurrah* (1967) and *Nightwalk* (1973) played here at the Royal Court and the Round House respectively. From tonight until Sunday his "chamber theatre piece" *Trio* visits Riverside Studios, where he appeared two years ago in a one-man Samuel Beckett adaptation, *Texts*.

Trio is of special interest because its genesis as a collaborative "laboratory piece" marks, to some extent, a fresh exploration of the open creative techniques for which he is known (the last few years have been devoted to what he calls "ad hoc" productions, including classics, collaborations with Sam Shepard and work as a performer). *Trio* has its roots in recent work at the La Mama Winter Project, using several members of the Open Theater. "But there were pressures inhibiting the idea's development. Everybody was doing other work simultaneously; we also had to come up with productions by a set date and, because of time, certain explorations sometimes had to be cut off. In the process of discovery you can't always go straight; often things have to be peeled away, unearthed. Now we have explored further and *Trio* includes completely new material."

Religion's secrets suggested the figures of a missionary couple, with their promises of salvation and threats of hell. The Psalms, with what Chaikin describes as their "bargaining" with and "bribing" towards Jehovah, are used to contribute to their vibrant, often blood-thirsty language (with very few exceptions they end in a war cry), a counterweight to *Trio*'s predominantly "delicate, not aggressive" character. But in this age, as Chaikin sees it, the subtitle also takes on a political relevance. The reference to the nuclear threat is made explicit. A character asks: Since, in the Bomb, we now have something arguably equal to God, could it be God himself returning in different guise? Messianic's quartet suggests what Chaikin's piece, for all its intimacy, tenderness and even comedy, might have had as a second subtitle: "Trio pour la fin du temps".

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Concerts Profound understanding of Tippett

Lindsay Quartet

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If all composers prefaced their printed scores with practical advice on performance, like Tippett in his Second String Quartet, how much easier life would be. When recording this work (and its two fellows) a few years ago, the Lindsay Quartet were still luckier in having the composer in person as their mentor. So we can safely assume that what they told us about this second quartet at St

John's on Monday was uncom-

monly close to the truth. Their tempo for the slow movement was marginally slower than the prescribed Andante. But the greater expressive intensity it elicited was wholly attuned to the music's dark spirit of foreboding (Tippett has confessed to jotting down the fugue subject during the Munich days of 1938). The *dolce* towards its end was poignantly bitter-sweet. Liquid phrasing and shading of each individual strand dissolved all bar-lines in the madrigal-inspired texture of the opening

Allegro grazioso, as the composer intended. By keeping the more piquantly accented Scherzo much on its toes, the Lindseys also had plenty of bite and drive in reserve for the finale, designed by Tippett to carry the main dramatic weight. The movement's withdrawal was deeply expressive.

With its swift alternations of vehemence and calm, Beethoven's F minor Quartet, Op 95, was recently described (in the opening programme of their current Wigmore Hall Beethoven cycle) by the Lindsay Quartet's leader, echoing Men-

delsohn before him, as the epitome of Beethoven. By maintaining tension in relaxation, they again surmounted all problems of integration, showing themselves able to take risks in high dudgeon without roughening of tone or ensemble. They were also finely in command of a daringly fast tempo in the finale's shimmering F major coda. But it was all they found beneath the deceptively simple surface of the Allegretto that haunts my memory.

Joan Chissell

larly in the searching setting of "Let mine eyes see Thee".

For Mozart's Symphony in G minor (No 40), Mr Stamp reverted to the original orchestration without clarinets, imparting a keener tone to the ensemble at the expense of some variety. He was evidently concerned to express the fierce intensity of this music, which he did with a firm sense of rhythm and emphasis, while the response of his 30 or so players was distinguished by disciplined attack, lively spirit and polished phrasing.

Noël Goodwin

with the orchestra that was only slightly displaced at the very end.

Two other works by Sir Lennox were also performed: his elegantly diverting Serenade for Strings of 1939, and the lovely *Four Poems of Saint Theresa of Avila* which affords rich tonal associations, as well as some poetic writing for the solo violin.

The soloist here was Meriel Dickinson, whose unforced tone and expressive character missed only the quality of ecstasy implied in the harmonies of voice and instruments, particu-

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JUNE X 83 David Steel is the man who sells the Liberal-SDP Alliance, but he and his top advisers often leave their own party behind, as Ian Bradley and George Brock report in the final part of this special series

Conducting the one-man Steel band

David Steel's personality is the greatest single asset which the Liberal-SDP Alliance can mobilize for its election campaign. Whatever the rationalization flowing from the meetings over Steel's or Roy Jenkins's precedence, position or prominence, the SDP leadership accepts the inevitable: Steel sells the Alliance.

Steel's pulling power has dictated the style of the campaign. A joint leaders committee meeting on April 27 decided to eschew big, set-piece rallies and platform speeches in favour of the informal question-and-answer sessions which Steel launched in Glasgow. "We decided on this format," said one of those at the meeting, "because it is the one in which David excels."

Steel's poll ratings are a response to an unblemished, "stainless" image. Steel is also an exceptionally astute and ambitious politician pursuing a clearly defined long-term goal with fixed determination. And behind the finely judged image is the small group of advisers who have laboured long to cultivate it. Its unquestioned leader is Steel's closest political confidant, Richard Holme, backed by a small coterie of specialists which, strikingly, does not include any of the party's senior hierarchy or of its MPs.

Most members of this group share Steel's view of his party's future, a view not shared by all Liberals and which has reversed the strategy of Liberal leaders since the war. His predecessors advocated winning votes first and then working out what was to be done with them. Steel has worked out what he wants to do with his limited power: he has used, is using and will use it to form coalitions, combinations and alliances. With those he intends to win more votes.

The Steel group trace their priorities to the day in February 1974 when Jeremy Thorpe discussed coalition with a stubborn Edward Heath, who was hanging on for a last few days in Downing Street. Steel was then the Liberal Chief Whip. He realized that such an alliance was unlikely for many reasons, but he also saw that, had the prospects been better, Thorpe had little idea of what to bargain for. There was no plan.

"Many of the self-styled social democrats would be happier company in combination with Liberals than

socialists," he wrote in 1975, a year before he replaced Thorpe as leader. "Should such an opportunity for an effective grouping of the left come about, it is important that the Liberal Party should not behave like a more rigid sect of the Exclusive Brethren, but be ready to join with others in the more effective promotion of liberalism."

The effective promotion of the Steel strategy moved from the temporary pact with James Callaghan to a key role in encouraging the foundation of the SDP, which included discouraging any thoughts among the Labour disaffected that they should join the Liberals instead. The vociferous opposition of long-time Liberal activists was ignored. One senior and well-respected Liberal observed: "I suppose you could say that what he's done since 1976 is to give the party a series of shocks which may seem good in the long term but certainly didn't seem good in the short term."

Steel's advisers are men he feels comfortable with. He is a reserved man, with few close friends and none of the taste for flamboyant London life which Thorpe displayed. The Steel advisers do not, of course, include any Thorpe advisers.

Most influential of all is Holme. He and Steel met when they were both Liberal by-election candidates in 1965 (Steel for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles and Holme for East Grinstead) and have been close friends since. Holme is a graduate of the Harvard Business School and former marketing director of Penguin books; he became Steel's chief political confidant after a spell in the United States during which he organized George McGovern's presidential campaign in Southern California. The experience shows in today's approach: he is an advocate of making as much of Steel's personality as possible, on the grounds that voters respond to people and not abstractions. On Holme's advice, the Steel image has been toughened up since the Falklands. In the words of one adviser: "We took the decision that British politics was becoming rougher and that we needed



to reveal David as a tough guy. It is part of him that has always been there, but it has not really been projected in the past."

Holme is almost the only other member of the Liberal Party Steel trusts to enter important negotiations with the SDP with full powers of decision.

He sees Steel three or four times a week, supplying suggestions and drafts for speeches, particularly on constitutional, ecological and defence issues. He is credited with most of the jokes in Steel's speeches, although no one could claim the Liberal leader as a great knockabout turn. Holme had Steel describing Mrs Thatcher as the "Enid Blyton of economics" and Michael Foot and Roy Hattersley as "Stepford and Son". During the 1979 election campaign, Holme was at Steel's Dolphin Square flat at 7.15 each morning for a daily session with the morning papers and to plan the tactics of the day.

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There was nothing inaccurate about such images: Steel puts in a great deal of travelling in order to try to be at Ettrick Bridge three weekends out of four. But he is also fascinated by the medium of television and by the mechanics of its production. One adviser says he would have been an excellent director if he had not become a politician, and before entering politics full-time he was indeed briefly a presenter on BBC Scotland. He is a fan of new technology. He was impressed by the speech projection machine used by Ronald Reagan when he addressed both houses of Parliament last year, and used one himself when he spoke at the Alliance rally in January.

Several of Steel's advisers feel that, good as he is on television, the party's exposure is now reaching proportions where more high-powered inside knowledge would help. Or, as one of them put it, "No politician getting decent communications advice would be allowed on television in those shirts with the collar a different colour from the rest of it."

Yet on television Steel manages a number of fine balances: he is open without being indiscreet, undogmatic without being waffly. He is unfailingly polite into the bargain.

There is one important component in these performances which cannot be tuned or packaged: his moral commitment. The son of the manse has embraced a Liberalism which is explicitly Christian and moral as well as political, and those close to Steel are in no doubt that his clear and deeply held religious views influence the speed and clarity with which he will answer questions likely to make other politicians wriggle and prevaricate.

Those moral commitments and his strategy for the party rank as priorities for Steel and his inner group well ahead of any actual Liberal policy prescriptions. "I don't think he knows what half of them are," one member said of the party's manifesto commitments. It is this frame of mind which has so far smoothed the path of

Alliance seat allocation and policy negotiation.

Steel is impatient with Liberals who want to liberalize the world on paper before they have any power to make the ideas real. He is content for the Liberal's public image to remain an association with general ideas for the time being - a party which has not been in power in recent memory and is unlikely to catch extra votes by spelling out the legislative timetable for revolutionizing the Rate Support Grant.

Although Steel himself is not naturally interested in Liberal philosophy, he accepts the need for an occasional heavyweight speech. For these he turns to William Wallace, an old fashioned Liberal in the Gladstone tradition. Wallace's contributions are often filtered through Holme, who may not have Wallace's academic background but who does have more of Steel's car.

Wallace and Holme normally supply the foundation for Steel's speech to the annual party assembly, meeting during July at the Albert pub in Victoria Street for their first session. Holme usually spends a few days at Ettrick Bridge in early August producing a first draft.

Most smaller-scale Steel speeches will be coordinated or drafted by his personal assistant, Stuart Mole.

There have been problems over finding speechwriters for the campaign. Holme will be fighting a strong Liberal prospect in Cheltenham, Mole will be making his fourth attempt to unseat Norman St John Stevas in Chelmsford. Wallace will be fighting Shipley. Suggestions and scripts are not hard to come by, but just before the election announcement, the team were still casting around for a "wordsman" with whom Steel felt happy.

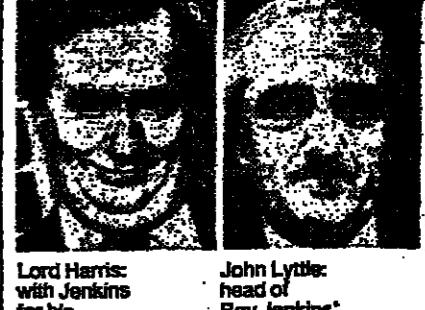
In place of Holme, Steel will have as his travelling companion on the campaign Lord (Pratap) Chhina, once Liberal agent at the famous 1962

Travelling companions

The leadership of the Alliance will create a joint election office at the SDP headquarters in Cowley Street, which will be headed by John Lytle, normally the head of Roy Jenkins's Westminster office. Its staff will be a mixture of Liberals and Social Democrats.

Jenkins himself will be accompanied by a three-strong team on his ambitious forays away from Hillhead. He will be joined by his ex-personal assistant, Lord Harris, for the duration of his travels. Harris's inclusion in the team was accompanied by a certain vagueness at SDP headquarters about exactly what he would be doing. Caroline Thomson, a former BBC journalist who works in Jenkins's private office, and his secretary, Celia Beale, complete the team. Mrs Jennifer Jenkins will, as usual, campaign with her husband.

Jenkins's principal speechwriters are likely to be Lytle, Thomson and Christopher Smallwood, the ex-Treasury civil servant who coordinates SDP policy-making.



Orpington by-election, subsequently head of the party's organization and one of Jeremy Thorpe's most implacable enemies. He is now director of the Joseph Rowntree Social Service Trust based in York. A staunch Roman Catholic, he is credited with an "almost Jesuitical" influence over the Presbyterian Steel.

The other two members of the triumvirate planning the Steel campaign trail are Paul Tyler, ex-MP for Bodmin and now on the staff of the public relations consultancy Good Relations, and Andrew Gifford, Steel's personal assistant for four years and now a parliamentary lobbyist.

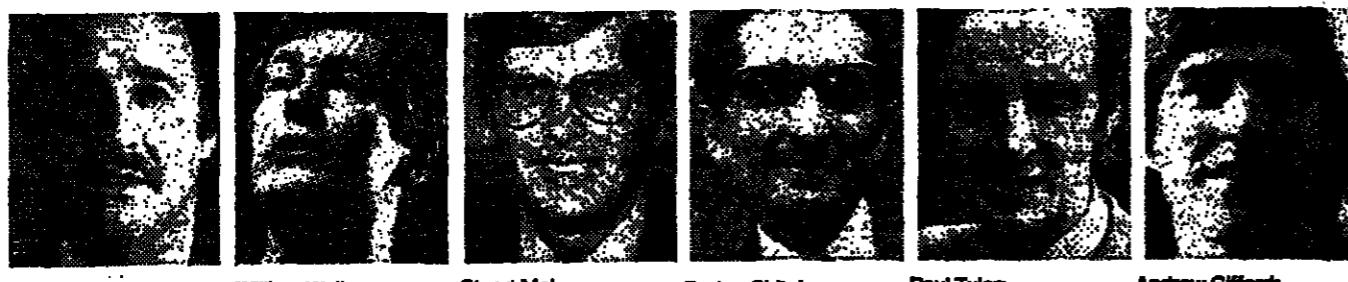
Tyler will be based in London throughout the campaign and will specialize in media arrangements. Gifford, the junior member of the trio, has charge of logistics and transport. In 1979, Steel travelled most of the campaign in the party "battlebus". This time, symbolically, he will be moving faster some of the time, by both jet and helicopter. Twenty hours of flying time in each have been promised by sympathetic benefactors.

No senior figures in the party hierarchy or any of its MPs are members of the Steel band. Holme was party president for a year, but otherwise Steel has chosen his people in a way that reflects his determination to take the party the way he wants it to go. He not only takes little notice of what the parliamentary party thinks, but operates at some distance from it.

The business of "managing" the MPs and the party at large is in the hands of two veteran party men, Lords Tordoff and Evans, who form a buffer state between the leader and his party.

There is perhaps one other member of the inner group who might be consulted on such questions: Judy Steel. Steel's friends rate her as an important influence, especially, as one put it, "in telling him when he's doing something silly". Steel is not, however, prone to silliness. He is not even prone to untidiness. The self-contained means that however compatible and trusted his inner advisers are, in the end he takes advice from no one but himself. He may use the technical skills which his group provides, but he is also the man who could manage without them if he had to.

The men who keep the image stainless



David Holme: Steel's most trusted lieutenant

William Wallace: Liberal in the Gladstone tradition

Stuart Mole: man behind the Steel speeches

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Exit, stage left, moved to tears

The dress rehearsal was at two o'clock on Tuesday. We stepped for the first time on to our little black and silver stage, dressed to the nines in our sumptuous evening clothes. We have no costume changes, no scenery to shift, no props, apart from champagne glasses and cigarettes to fumble with or break. We shambled along in front of the empty seats; we knew our lines and our songs, all our moves and dance steps. After the first act, we stopped for coffee, bright, brittle smiles hid the fluttering panic — my stomach felt as though cows were being herded through it. In the second act, after the extract from *Brief Encounter*, Simon and I moved the two black semi-circular seats together again, to form a single bench. Bossiness, always my undoing, made his entrance.

My mouth opened and, in a voice an octave higher than my own, I said, "They go further upstage, Simon — move it upstage". I picked up my bit of bench and plonked it



down an unnecessary two inches to the left. At that moment a disc slipped in my neck. Suddenly and quite smoothly, I turned from Gertrude Lawrence into Richard III. My head moved neither to left nor right, neither up, nor down. My shoulder, in a ghastly spasm, rose up level with my ear and my left hand became an uninhabited rubber glove. It was now ten past five, and

The cleanest people in the world are not surgeons and nurses scrubbed

our first show in front of the paying public was to be at eight o'clock sharp.

Of the agony and terror! I lay face down on the dressing room floor, nose pressed against the carpet, while Ken, the choreographer, and Gill, the singing Gertie, kneaded and pummelled and rubbed, desperately trying to loosen the Laocoön knot. Sheridan Morley packed me into his car and we sped down to see a Bone Man. Bone Man wearily pushed a big needle full of anaesthetic into my shoulder blade and, I was ashamed to say, fat tears rolled down my painted face.

I chewed up several pain killers of one sort and some others of another, and realized, as I was winched into my dress again, that part of my brain had done its tools in sympathy. Of course, it was far, far worse for my beloved fellow performers. I only had to concentrate on staying upright — they had to make the show fun. How we did it, or how the show went, I'll never know, but the actors' medic, Doctor Theatre, stepped in: he forces so much adrenaline round your body, that pain evaporates, even enabling ballerinas to dance on broken ankles. We had to cancel the next two shows and, for me, the next two days of filming a commercial. Moral: don't put your daughter on the stage. Mrs Worthington, but if you do, get someone else to move the furniture.

The cleanest people in the world are not surgeons and nurses scrubbed

up for the operating theatre: they are actors just before they go onstage, particularly if four men and two women have to share a room slightly smaller than a bus shelter. Cleanliness must be contagious: you have never seen such constant ablutions. A good deal of baby powder floats about and deodorants are sprayed and rolled on to every conceivable limb and cranny. Nostribs and beards and ears are inspected, with scissors flying to and fro; gargling and vigorous tooth brushing are followed by tongue numbing blasts of breath sweeteners and throat tablets. Wigs are adjusted and snipped, fingernails pared and a great deal of hand

are readily tracked down and picked off like ticks while our lips move endlessly in exercises — "Pataka, pataka, budaga, budaga, pappalakka, pu, digger diggeri". Thank God we don't do matineses.

Sped off to do the David Frost Live from London show at the studios in Wandsworth. What a line-up! Penelope Clark and Nigel Dempster, Angela Rippon and Willie Hamilton, Robert Lacey and Danny La Rue, Jim Davidson and the wondrous Boy George and Culture Club. This is the sixth of 13 shows which are transmitted live to Australia's East Coast, leaving us at 11.30 am and popping up simultaneously at 8.30 pm down under time. Why on earth haven't we got a show like this in Britain? Frost was in his element: there is a lively, warm-hearted audience and a wonderful mix-up of musicians and personalities. Lucky old Oz.

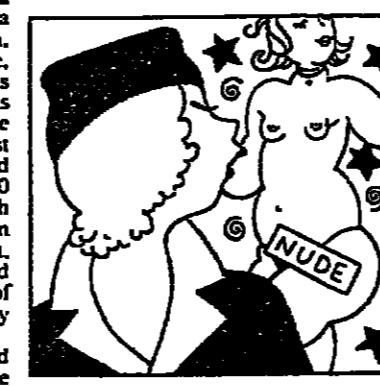
Incidentally, what has happened to all the splendid drama serials here at home? Where is the night every week when everyone stays in for fear of missing the next great episode and talk is of nothing else the next day? (except Coronation Street, of course.) Enforced leisure is the big new boy in town; entertainment is the dame on his arm. We should all be on our toes.

washing goes on. The scent and aftershave clash mistily round the mirrors, some hair spray and one more gasp of Breathable before the monkey plucking starts. Specks of dust and fluff, odd hairs and so forth

Have just opened an envelope and unravelled a large sepia photograph of myself. At least I thought it was me, looking particularly good, until I turned it round the right way and

found it was Julie Christie. When I went to Greece in 1966, Dr Zhivago had just come out and the Greek boys on the island were determined that I was this lovely girl. "You look like Julie Christie", they yelled. "You look like Julie Christie". I couldn't convince them that I wasn't, so I signed all their bits of paper with a flourish. I shall go to the exhibition of Martin Goddard's work at the National Theatre which the photograph advertises, if only in the hope of meeting and seeing the real Julie Christie for who I was so happily mistaken.

Leaving L'Escargot after lunch, I stepped out on to the Soho pavement and sniffed the sunny air. I had 10 minutes to kill before recording a voice-over round the corner. Two lads came by, "Wotcher Pursey", said one "doin'" any more "Avenger" then? "No, sadly not", I replied. "Wotcher doin'" ere then,



Pursey?" "I'm working here", I said. "Gaw", said the other, and they hastened away. Turning round, I saw I was standing in front of a non-stop, 24-hour, extremely vulgar, all bits showing strip club.

I was addressing an audience of fairly young children at the Screen on the Hill before their Saturday morning film show. "And now", I said "how do you think I was able to turn my eyes blue in *Sapphire and Steel*?" A small boy in the front row answered: "Double glazing."

My three boys came from the hard-to-place bracket

FIRST PERSON

How do children who are adopted into a racially mixed family cope with the extra pressure put on them? I am white, single, old (52) compared to most adopters, and earn considerably less than I would receive if content to draw supplementary benefit — on face value not an ideal candidate for proxy parenthood. My little family of three boys all emanated from that "hard-to-place" bracket in which so many unconventional infants find themselves. — David (15, Anglo-Negro); Andrew (10, Negro) and Simon (5, Anglo-Saxon). Had young married couples with iron stamens and bottomless wells of love and patience "put in" for any one of these boys I wouldn't — quite rightly — have stood an earthly chance of adopting them.

The British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering are currently urging local authorities to ensure wherever possible that black children are adopted by black families. With the long-standing stress on "matching" however, this has surely always been the case. The problem is that you can't squeeze a quart, as ever, into a pint pot. There are more coloured children needing homes than there are coloured couples wanting to adopt. Disinclined couples cannot be press-ganged into taking an infant — nor should they be.

Colour was the adoption "disability" concerning David and Andrew, mental and emotional aberration in the case of Simon. All were well past babyhood when they joined this one-sided family; all presented problems which could be put down to some form of "institutionalization"; all, with time and care, settled in with comfortable happiness and learned both to accept love and to give it.

We live in a village where there are no other coloured people. At



Diana Davenport with her mixed family (left to right) David, Simon and Andrew

school, in the local town, the boys share their distinction with no more than three or four others. Teasing in a mild form occasionally mars their horizons; but no more than if their hair were orange, their ears outstanding or their feet attached *à la* Charlie Chaplin. David once clouted a would-be tormentor. He's built like a Harlem Globetrotter and is not one to be trifled with.

Andrew, on the other hand, capitalizes on his colour. In the days of nannies he'd have been called a "show-off" and is inclined to needle

his peers until they snap. He then expects sympathy, and used, before I rumpled him, to get it. Now he's told to get on with it.

Only twice have I come across what might be seen as undiluted racial prejudice, and on both counts by people who knew nothing of our family, except that we were mixed. In the first instance it was the grandmother of some children who used to drop in to play. She made it plain to her daughter that she "didn't like it" — and of course the message got back to me. In the

second it was a total stranger in a restaurant who talked loudly for all to hear about "the old pig and her black litter". The boys themselves never knew of the first slight — and the second incident was so concerned about me being called an "old pig" in that they missed the point of the "black litter" altogether.

Educationally, the boys are doing well. David has been reading anything and everything since the age of 4. Andrew plays the violin with verve and has a good ear. They show every outward sign of being

secure, self-confident and "normal", though they have their disagreements and squabbles. So, yes, by all means place black children with black families whenever possible, but don't lose sight of the value of mixed-race households.

Don't lose sight, either, of older females of any colour who, in the absence of more suitable applicants, may be happy to start a late family.

Diana Davenport

More to prunes than custard and sniggers

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

cooked potatoes or noodles and a green vegetable or salad.

A heavy, velvety purée of prunes was a souvenir from a recent trip to France. The preserve was sold as a jam and this home-made version, like the original, is very good on hot buttered toast or stirred into plain yogurt. It can also be used as a cake filling, or as a base for whole prunes in a flan or tart.

Prune preserve
Makes about 2 kilos (4½ lbs)

900g (2 lbs) prunes

Juice of 2 lemons

500g (2 lbs) granulated or preserving sugar

Put the prunes in a preserving pan, or other large pan with the lemon juice and 1 litre (1¾ pints) water. Leave them to

boil for about 1½ hours, basting it several times. To check that the

prune is cooked, pierce it with a skewer inserted into the thickest part. It is cooked when the

juices run clear.

Transfer the meat to a

serving dish to keep warm.

Reduce the pan juices by fast

boiling to about 120 ml (4 fl oz).

Stir in the remaining butter, a

little at a time, to thicken and

shine the sauce. This works best if the butter is very cold.

Slice the meat and pour the

sauce over it. Serve with plainly

covered the prunes with cold tea or water and soak them until they are soft enough for the stones to be removed easily.

Cut a lengthwise slit in the meat and fill it with the prunes. Stitch the slit shut enclosing the prunes. Crush the ginger in a garlic press and rub it over the meat. Season it well.

Melt half the butter and

brown the meat on all sides on

top of the stove. Add the wine

and cook on a fairly high heat

until it has reduced by half, then

add the stock and bring to the

boil. Transfer the meat to a

shallow baking dish and roast it

in a preheated moderate oven

(180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for

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soak for an hour or two, or better still, overnight, then bring to the boil and simmer until they are tender. Cool the prunes, remove the stones and purée the fruit with its cooking liquid, using a food processor or by working it through a mouli légumes or sieve. Return the purée to the pan and add the sugar. Stir on a low heat until the sugar has dissolved, then raise the heat and boil the preserve for five minutes. Pour it immediately into clean, dry, heated jars (10 minutes or more in a very cool oven, 110°C/235°F, gas mark ½). Seal and dried apricots also makes a

delicious frozen mousse.

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French country cooking has quite a selection of prune tarts and flans ranging from a simple batter pudding, *far Breton*, to more formal pieces of glazed patisserie. This excellent prune flan is a nice compromise between the two extremes.

Prune flan
Serves six to eight

450g (1 lb) plump prunes

Juice of 2 oranges

4 tablespoons honey or brown sugar

300ml (½ pint) double cream, chilled

Turn the freezer to its coldest setting. Put the prunes in a bowl with the orange juice and enough water or cold tea to cover them. Leave them to soak for an hour or two, or, better still, overnight. Simmer the prunes with their soaking liquid and the honey or brown sugar until they are very tender.

When the prunes are cool enough to handle, remove the stones, then purée the fruit with the liquid in a food processor.

For the filling

225g (8 oz) plain flour

½ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons caster sugar

110g (4 oz) chilled butter

iced water to mix

For the base

1 large egg

150ml (¼ pint) single cream

4 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon cornflour

or by working them through a mouli légumes or a sieve.

Whip the chilled cream with a tablespoon of iced water until it holds soft peaks. Combine it with the prune purée and turn the mixture into a serving dish or flans. Cover and freeze until firm. Serve frozen prune mousse on its own or with a compote of dried fruit.

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**THE TIMES
DIARY**
Anti-hanging

My political free-thinker this morning is Joe Harvey of Surbiton. He is seeking election for his native Bodmin in Cornwall as candidate of the charmingly named Very Good Party. It is, you will readily understand, not related to any other party. Harvey's manifesto has some three dozen points. Number Two is: "To remove hanging objects from car windows so as to improve vision", which sounds the simple sort of task even a politician could manage.

Harvey would also reduce VAT to 10 per cent. "It's easier to calculate them", he reasons. He proposes a 30 per cent surcharge on Japanese imports and would construct the Channel Tunnel. "I have worked in tunnels. The French will do their half." He promises: "We will do something for the prostitutes of this country", but with political tact he does not specify what. "I've no enemies". Harvey says, though of course I am afraid that would change if he got elected.

Hot air time

The SDP-Alliance campaign office in Brighton-Kemptown has been having trouble with its telephone; now the candidate, Tom Burke, has been told by his friendly neighbourhood newsguy that all their calls can be heard on transistor radios. Since the newsguy's shop is directly opposite Labour headquarters, Burke was perturbed, but I do not think he needs to worry. I spoke to the Labour agent, W. J. Clarke, who told me: "We are here to work, laddie. If anybody came in distracting us with a transistor radio, I would sling him out."

Track record

Much has been made of Margaret Thatcher's well-known aversion to trains, perhaps too much. Though she will be flying United Biscuits on her campaign sorties, the Prime Minister has still to get to Gatwick before she can achieve lift-off, and there, I am reliably informed, it is the train that will take the strain. Perhaps this means the Gatwick line will be prime candidate for hiving off if she is reelected.

Street fighting

There is not much I can (or probably need to) do to help along the row about 'dirty tricks' in the Conservative advertising campaign, but perhaps it is not too late to point out a technical foul in Central Office's advertisement which appeared in the *Daily Mail* on polling day for the local elections. It showed Hazelbury Road, Clapham, one side of which is in Labour-controlled Lambeth, the other in Conservative-controlled Wandsworth. One side was labelled "Labour rates £604 a year", the other "Tory rates £392 a year". Since politicians can do so little right, it was probably inevitable that they got the sides of the road in the picture the wrong way round.

Lunshood

With the succession to the veteran Dutchman Joseph Luns as secretary-general of Nato still the subject of interminable speculation, the joke around Brussels is what Henry Kissinger once said: "The Netherlands have been independent for 400 years, and for most of that time Luns has been foreign minister."

Footing the bill

Remembering to drive on the right is the least of the problems faced by two London bus drivers in New York en route to Canada. Their vehicles, two old London double-deckers which have been sold by London Transport to Prince Edward Island, are 14ft 6in high, while many bridges in the five states they must cross have a clearance of only 13ft 6in. Each state has its own different system of permits and escort regulations, and the two drivers, Lionel Moss and John Warner, reckon the cost of expert guidance along a suitable route would be \$2,500, a sum which LT is not prepared to pay. The harassed pair are ruing the day they decided not to deliver the buses by sea, but to take in the Britain Salutes New York festivities.

Alarming case

If anything bugs me it is the weight of junk that burdens my briefcase. So I am an unlikely customer for the Secret Connection briefcase. It is so full of anti-bugging devices there is scarcely room for anything else. It has a tape recorder detector, a bug detection system, a built-in scrambler for telephone privacy, a wireless telephone, a six-hour recorder, portable defence and communications systems, a bomb-sniffer to warn of hidden explosives and it is lined with bullet-proof fabric. There is also a siren to sound the alarm if someone picks up the lot and makes off with it.

Dr Michael Macdonald, director of the Scottish Tartans Museum, is safely returned from the Scots in Sweden exhibition in Stockholm. I say safely because his foreign tours are not without awkward moments. In America a silver-haired lady fixed her gaze on his seventeenth century sporran and asked: "What exactly do you carry in your sporran?" His reply was printable for all but reasons of length. It was a five-minute exposition of the word play between Latin, Greek and Gaelic for "seed-case" in biology and costume.

PHS

Bernard Levin spots the essential election issue

Cardowan: Labour puts its cards on the table

I could not have guessed that the argument at the heart of the election, the principle that defines both the nature of the contest and the irreducible difference between the Conservative and Labour parties, would be laid out, and in the starkest possible terms, not just in the first week of the campaign but on the very day that Parliament was dissolved. Yet so it has proved, and however far I stretch my imagination I cannot conjure up the picture of any domestic question that could rival, in its role as the Occam's Razor of the 1983 campaign, the events at Cardowan colliery.

When I say "the events", I am not referring to the fracas that took place at the pit after the announcement that it was to be closed: the manhandling of Mr Albert Wheeler and Mr John Loudon, National Coal Board director and deputy director for Scotland, was unpleasant, but the throwing of ice-creams and meat pies (apparently the favoured missiles), or even the breaking of Mr Loudon's spectacles, does not suggest to me that the rough beast, its hour come round at last, is slouching towards Glasgow to be born. What interests me is the case made by the Coal Board for closing the pit, and the response to the Coal Board's arguments.

The pit has lost £39m in six years, and the rate of loss is increasing (it lost £8m last year and will lose £10m this year); the geology of the area makes it difficult to work, productivity is no more than two-thirds of the national coal-mining average (Mr Wheeler described this phenomenon, with somewhat less tact than the occasion seemed to call for, as "a lack of effort on the part of the men"), the mine is so full of gas that its local nickname is "the gasometer", and in case all that wasn't enough, the coal it produces in such

small quantities and at such a cost is of a type that nobody anywhere wants to buy.

So much for economics, but economics, particularly during an election campaign, is not enough. What about humanity? What about Cardowan's 1,090 miners, thrown penniless out of work in a decimating industry during a recession?

What indeed? It transpires that no miner is to be thrown penniless out of work. Those who choose can take redundancy payments, together with a pension starting now and continuing until they reach the normal retiring age and their normal pension; those who do not choose are offered employment at one of three other pits, and up to £1,500 for the disturbance of the move.

The Conservative minister into whose province the matter falls has refused to intervene to reverse the Coal Board's decision. But the Labour shadow minister has promised that if his party wins the election the closure order will be rescinded and the pit will stay open.

Now I trust you can see why it is unlikely that between now and June 9 anything will happen to provide a more perfect *vade mecum* for aspiring political chicken-sellers. Mrs Thatcher does not need to urge the voters to dispel the dark clouds of Marxism; she need only ask them whether they are or are not of the school that would wish to go on supporting economic activity which is literally worse than useless (worse at present by some £10m a year), in circumstances that ensure that no human being will suffer if the activity is brought to an end.

I am, of course, aware that a man writing from inside the newspaper industry is not ideally placed for condemning the practice of employing people whose work serves no detectable purpose. But the news-

papers are not yet in the public sector (though Mr Scargill has demanded their nationalization), and Mr Moss Evans has urged a return to the practice of government licensing for them), and my interest in what the bosses do with their own money is confined to seeing that they provide me with ample quantities and at such a cost is of a type that nobody anywhere wants to buy.

Besides, what we do about the nationalized industries (of which there will be a good few more if Labour wins the election) has a bearing not only on the proportion of national resources used by the state but, by example as well as economic policy, on private industry as well; if the present government is returned and starts to do to the public sector what it has hitherto only promised to do, I may yet live (I am reasonably fit for a man of my age) to see the principles espoused by the Coal Board at Cardowan flowing, Ema-like, down Fleet Street.

For the moment, though, let us concentrate on the election and on its illumination by the events at the Scottish pit. On the one side is a beleaguered organization, with a statutory duty to seek economic efficiency, deciding on the discontinuation of a line of goods that cannot be made efficiently or indeed at all except at ruinous expense and for which no customer can be found, while taking care to ensure that even the employees who have contributed to the inefficiency are looked after. On the other side is a state of mind in which the only thing that matters is to make sure that anything that has been done in the past and is being done at the present must go on being done *in saeculum*.

It is useless to tell the Labour Party that the principle espoused by the Coal Board at Cardowan

provides the only explanation for the fact that the human race has become more prosperous over the centuries; if it comes to that, it is useless to tell the Labour Party that it would not make sense for 1,090 coalminers to be employed to scrape the scarpings away in a wheelbarrow for sale as Nutty Slacks, Grade One. The Labour Party believes that prosperity droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven, that it is

Something noble and grand and good, Won by merely wishing we could,

and that if there are men who scrape my toast they must be kept in employment even if there is no work for the scrapping, indeed even if the toast is not burnt, nay, even if I give up eating toast at breakfast, burnt or unburnt, altogether.

On that ground they take their stand, and on that ground they solicit my vote and the votes of others, a solicitation which in my case (I do not claim to speak for the others) is in vain. I have hopes, though so far no more than hopes, that the Conservative Party will, no doubt, with due discretion, now embroider this crucial principle on their battleflag, and march to victory beneath it. But my voting intentions, and the outcome of the election, are not really germane to my task today, which is simply to draw attention to the remarkably clear way in which the choice before the electorate has been presented, before the ink on the election proclamation is dry. Britain has had in her time a Khaki Election, a Coupon Election, a Midlothian Election. It is possible that in 1983 we shall find ourselves taking part in a Cardowan Election.

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A Tory plea: keep Benn out of view

JUNE 14 1983

**Jock
Bruce-Gardyne**

is little danger of encouragement being given to the spotty abstainers this time. If the Tory campaign has got off to a slightly slower start than those of our opponents, that is by calculation. And well judged, I'd guess: three weeks is more than enough for most of our fellow-citizens.

If there is a hazard to the Government it is not spotty, but tactical voting. This propensity of the citizen to switch his vote to save it being "wasted" used to be confined to by-elections. But more recently (encouraged, no doubt, by the preference of local Labour parties for loony loanees as candidates) it has been spreading to general elections too. So on balance if we are fighting this election I think I would rather Labour did keep Tony Wedgwood Benn under wraps. In a good many seats the less the Labour faithful know about their leader, the better from the Tory point of view.

What, then, of the manifesto? I got into hot water with some of my colleagues for suggesting, just before the 1979 election, in an article in "another" newspaper, some specific plans for public spending cuts to be included in our manifesto. Just the stuff to frighten the horses, I was told. My justification was that manifesto matter when you've won, and need to get the Whitchurch machine to swallow unpalatable medicine, in terms of winning or losing votes they lack potency. I would stand by that.

The Tory manifesto was yet to see the light of day at time of writing. Of the other two, Labour's has had a well-merited roasting; that of the Alliance has been praised with faint plaudits. I wonder whether that is altogether right. Labour's vision is 1974-75 with knobs on, and would not take a twelvemonth to bring back the brokers' men from the International Monetary Fund. The Gang of Four have in mind a replay of 1972-74, with "responsible inflation" pinned together by the statutory control of incomes. That would take rather longer to bring us back to Arthur Scargill and Moss Evans, parking their tanks in Downing Street. Give me the brokers' men any day.

The author was Economic Secretary, MP for Knutsford. He is not seeking re-election. © Times Newspapers Limited, 1983

Tomorrow: Barbara Castle

James Curran

The wavering harvest Foot could reap

The majority of MPs are convinced that a Conservative victory on June 9 is a foregone conclusion. The Conservative Party began the campaign with a larger lead, sustained over a longer period of time, than any political party since 1945. Margaret Thatcher, the resolute victor of the Falklands war, dwarfs Michael Foot in the opinion polls, and the anti-Tory vote will be split between the Labour Party and the Alliance.

Most informed commentators

have also written off Labour's chances. They point to profound social changes that favour the Conservative Party. The growth of home ownership and the contraction of the manual working class has shrunk Labour's base, while an ideological shift to the right has allegedly undermined support for Labour's policies.

The oft-repeated claim that the country has moved decisively to the right is merely an intuitive assumption inferred from the Tories' continuing lead in the opinion polls.

It is not borne out by surveys of public attitudes which reveal a tenacious, if somewhat bewildered, commitment to the old consensus

of welfare, capitalism and tripartite management of the economy.

The latest MORI survey shows,

for instance, that Thatcherite initiatives on promoting private health insurance, encouraging private education and cutting local council spending are supported by only one in three people. Yet the same study reveals a remarkably resilient commitment to the corporate politics of the late 1970s; those in favour of the government working closely with the unions and of ensuring that management consults unions over key company decisions outnumber those against by a margin of more than two to one.

These last two proposals are incorporated into Labour's new manifesto. Indeed, the most striking finding of the survey (based on a large national quota sample) is the strength of support that exists for the key elements of Labour's alternative economic strategy.

The overwhelming majority (including substantial numbers of Conservative and Alliance supporters) favour price and import controls and increased public spending to create jobs.

Labour enjoys popular support

for other policies, as well as being

assessed more positively than the

Conservative Party on the issue

judged to be paramount - jobs. It is now in a much stronger position than it was in the 1979 general election when, as Professor Ivor Crewe has demonstrated, many of its policies were unpopular, even among its supporters, some of whom appear to have voted Labour more out of loyalty than conviction. Indeed, the situation has now been

reversed: Labour's policies are now more popular than the party.

Labour's task in the campaign will thus be to convert support for its policies into hard votes. In this, it may well be helped by the lack of commitment of a large section of the electorate to all the political parties.

Between 23 per cent and 29 per cent of the electorate (depending on the poll), say that they may change their voting intention during the campaign. The potential exists for an electoral upset.

A further unpredictable factor is tactical voting. Although the anti-Tory vote is arguably split between the Alliance and Labour, it may coalesce in ways that are not anticipated. Surveys suggested that a significant number of Labour and Alliance supporters do not share the mutual antagonism of their party leaders, and will support the non-Tory candidate most likely to win in their constituency.

Nor is social change as one-sided to the advantage of the Conservatives as commentators are suggesting. The decline of social deference has chipped away the cement binding working class traditionalists to the Conservative Party. The rise of mass unemployment has hit certain groups particularly badly, most notably women.

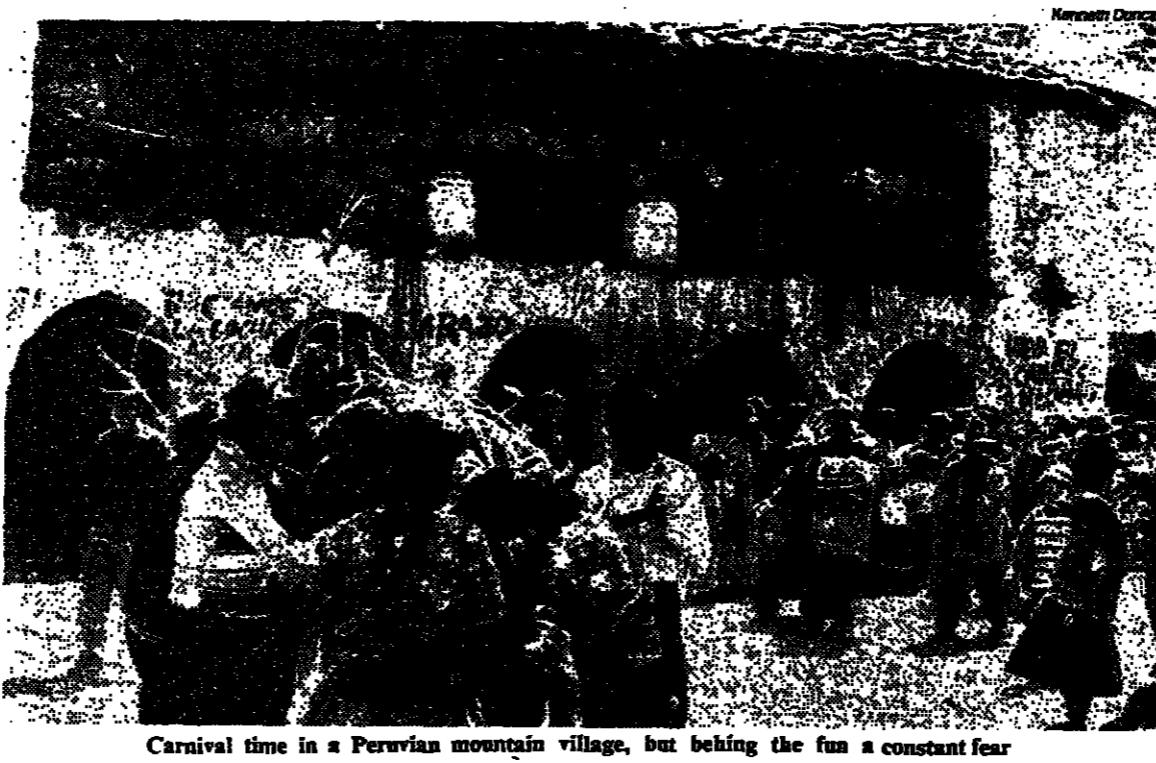
The growing union recruitment of the lower middle class, now more subject to management pressure for increased productivity of the sort experienced by manual workers, also has unpredictable consequences.

The personal, vote-winning magnetism of Margaret Thatcher has also been exaggerated. Satisfaction with her premiership (44 per cent) is currently slightly lower than it was for Douglas-Home (47 per cent) at the beginning of the 1964 general election. Her personality has probably also contributed to the widely diffused image of the Conservative Party as a narrowly class-bound and uncaring party - a view that is particularly prevalent among uncommitted voters.

However, the Conservative Party has significant electoral strengths that Labour will need to dent in the next three weeks. The Conservatives are rated more favourably on the important issues of prices, law and order and (to a lesser extent) defence. Labour has an unfortunate image of being divided and unprofessional, and support for its economic policies is also qualified, in some people's minds, by concern about the inflationary consequences.

Whether Labour has left it too late to repair its disunited image and effectively project its economic alternative remains to be seen. What is clear, in view of the Tories' rapidly diminishing lead in the opinion polls, is that the election result should not be prejudged.

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Trail of death along the Shining Path

were made up of 166 Senderistas and 141 peasants. The authorities claim that Sendero Luminoso has been carrying out indiscriminate massacres of villagers who refuse to support the guerrillas, or have sided with the elected government of President Fernando Belaúnde Terry.

Few people in Ayacucho, however, believe that this is what is happening. Sendero's brand of fundamentalist Maoism places great emphasis on close relations with the poor peasantry, whose interests the guerrillas claim to represent.

The guerrillas are capable of great brutality - it is a brutal society - but it is difficult to see what they would have to gain from random killings.

Sendero operations have included raids on large estates, and the execution of local officials and notables (such as shopkeepers and moneylenders) singled out as exploiters of the poor peasants. The guerrillas have usually gone through a form of "popular trial", in which the charges are read out to the assembled villagers, and they are asked to decide on execution or some less drastic form of exemplary punishment, such as flogging.

These actions seem to have been accepted, even welcomed, by the majority of peasants in this poverty-stricken region, where the few better-off families are easily identifiable. In some cases Sendero released people due to be executed after appeals by villagers. The summary methods of Sendero have also helped to rid isolated communities of bandits and rustlers, who often terrorize entire regions.

Since the military occupation of Ayacucho, however, the security forces have succeeded in convincing

even some peasants that the guerrillas want to take away their land and property, and should be killed on sight. General Noel has been skilful both in exploiting traditional rivalries between peasant communities, and the often bitter divisions between individual villagers. By such methods as supplying food, drink and equipment, the armed forces have also recruited large numbers of spies and informers.

The guerrillas seem to have stepped up the number of reprisal executions of informers in recent months, which may have led to the involvement of paramilitary bands, with or without the direct involvement of the security forces. One theory is that the journalists had stumbled on the formation of such bands in a nearby village and were on their way to investigate. They were killed, according to this account, to prevent them producing evidence that would have contradicted the official claim that whole villages were spontaneously turning against the guerrillas.

This report, however, leaves many difficult questions unanswered, and other evidence points to the involvement of paramilitary bands, with or without the direct involvement of the security forces. One theory is that the journalists had stumbled on the formation of such bands in a nearby village and were on their way to investigate. They were killed, according to this account, to prevent them producing evidence that would have contradicted the official claim that whole villages were spontaneously turning against the guerrillas.

The paramilitary bands, which are also known as peasant patrols, have natural leaders in former national servicemen; one of them is thought to have been involved in Uchuracayo, but has never been arrested.

Whatever side is doing the killing, there



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PRIMA INTER PARES

British Cabinet Government is a robust and flexible instrument. It has functioned efficiently in both peace, total war and limited war. In the twentieth century the demands of mobilising the home front and despatching expeditionary forces abroad have proved powerful engines for its development and extension. The experience of Lloyd George, who in 1916 expanded the secretariat of the Committee of Imperial Defence into a proper Cabinet machine, and Mr Winston Churchill, who in 1940 created a hefty yet effective Cabinet Committee apparatus to run the British branch of World War II, both illustrate the wisdom of Professor Arthur Marwick's dictum that:

"Wars are like weddings: essentially extravagant and unnecessary, but a great stimulant in a conventional society".

In 1945 Mr Clement Attlee consolidated the Coalition's Cabinet Committee Structure and made it the engine room of his administration. For all her rhetoric about rolling back the state, Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet system is the unmistakable, though slimmer descendant of Mr Attlee's. She did not want any Cabinet committees in May 1979. But events took care of that. In four years she has created some 25 standing Cabinet Committees against 157 in 6½ years by Mr Attlee; and about 95 ad hoc 'MISC' groups to Mr Attlee's 306 'GENS'.

It is, therefore, of more than minor interest when the impression gets abroad that a fundamental shift in the nature of Cabinet Government is underway. There is a view that Mrs Thatcher aspires to be a "president under the crown". It even crept into the election campaign on the BBC *Panorama* programme on Monday night when Mr John Silkin, the Whitehall-watcher of the Labour front

bench described her as "a very presidential kind of Prime Minister".

The "President Thatcher" image is misplaced. Apart from anything else, Mr Ronald Reagan, the real President upon whom presumably she would have to model herself, is in the process of constructing something passably like a Cabinet Committee system in Washington. He has created six new "cabinet councils" for domestic and economic affairs. His administration even contains a public spending committee almost identical to Mrs Thatcher's MISC 62, the "Star Chamber" established to enforce cuts on reluctant ministers.

During the election campaign, there will be attempts to reinforce the impression of a constitutional shift. Since the first truly television election of 1959, in which the Macmillan-Gaitskell rivalry acquired, by previous British standards, distinctly presidential overtones, electoral contests have inevitably become personalised campaigns. Mrs Thatcher's recently proclaimed intention to build up her Prime Minister's Office in Downing Street, if re-elected, adds another element to the story.

As our series in *The Times* this week has shown, it would be premature to suggest that such a shift has, in fact, occurred. As a very senior Whitehall figure, who has helped several premiers through their darker moments, said privately recently: "I do not think we are within a million miles of having prime ministerial government in this country".

Naturally, a modern Prime Minister must be more than *prima inter pares* if the system is to function. Policy initiation and leadership would seize up if that were not so. Mrs Thatcher like all her post-war predecessors

THE BLACK HOPE OF AFRICA

It is very sad to see the Kenyan political elite indulging in infighting when the economic hardship currently afflicting all Africa requires such a poor country to hold together as never before. More is the pity that elements of the Kenyan press and not a few politicians have unjustifiably threatened to embroil Britain, Kenya's staunchest ally, in the country's internal arguments.

As is so often the case in one-party states - albeit relatively tolerant ones, like Kenya - the knifework is being done behind the scenes: no one knows precisely what is happening or which politicians will emerge on top or at the bottom. Political attacks are being made more by allusion and parable than by frontal assault; there is talk of hyena and snake; unknown "foreign powers" are said to be "grooming" favourites; alas, it is partly President Daniel Arap Moi's own hyperbole that has excited rumour-fuel suspicion and the consequent wave of instability as perceived abroad.

Nor has an alleged "traitor", said more by innuendo than by hard evidence to have been plotting, been named. Political observers in Nairobi say that fingers have been pointing at Mr Charles Njonjo, the Minister for Constitutional Affairs and certainly an outspoken proponent of Kenya's pro-Western orientation. He is a powerful man with many enemies eager to snatch at an opportunity to embarrass him. But he is an exceptionally shrewd and tough political operator, unlikely to be easily written off by innuendo or even by presidential dictat.

Kenya has never quite recovered from the bloody but abortive coup attempt of last August, when probably at least a thousand, perhaps twice that figure, died. The putsch was launched by NCOs and junior officers of the ground-based Kenya Air Regiment, just the sort of dissident breeding ground expected in time of economic stress.

In the past five years or so, standards of living for most Kenyans have dropped. The rural poor, still the vast majority, are to some extent inured to

misfortune caused, among other things, by the vagaries of climate; at the lower end of the burgeoning new urban class, however, the pinch has become more painful, and is worsened by the sight of the privileged and politically well connected maintaining their extremely comfortable lifestyles, while mismanagement and corruption continue.

But there has been an enduring uneasiness feeling that other disgruntled people, especially students and certain sections of the armed forces, have been playing a game of wait-and-see. It was gratifying to Mr Moi and his friends in the West that the large bulk of the forces, and probably the average Kenyan too, did swing behind him. But rumours that other coup plots were on the point of hatching have not been fully scotched. Some ministers, it has been mooted, have been waiting in the wings for Mr Moi to trip up.

Some weeks after the coup, the rumour mills began working again when the head of the police, previously known as a strong Moi supporter, was disgraced. Later the airforce chief was sentenced for failing to report the coup having known it to be imminent.

The trouble, in fact, goes back way beyond August. In the admirably smooth transition after the death of Mr Kenyatta in 1978, a triumvirate took over. At its head was Mr Moi, the constitutional heir apparent: solid, respected, a sound administrator with no special éclat and from a small tribe with no great clout of its own. There was Mr Mwai Kibaki, Vice-President and at the time Finance Minister: an urbane, clever though not particularly assertive Kikuyu with notable economic skills; and Mr Njonjo, then the Attorney-General, also a Kikuyu though from a different region from Mr Kibaki's: an eminence grise with no popular base but an unrivalled knowledge of manipulating the legal and civil service machinery.

At least two years ago it was evident that the triumvirate had lost its cohesion. Mr Moi has been sharply increasing his own powerbase, especially among the

councillors, who have general control of the schools, are parents or grandparents of children in our schools and I think this applies especially to the education committee. A high proportion were themselves educated in our schools. Very many are on close terms of acquaintance with our teachers and heads. Mr Earle evidently trembles at the risk this involves of "political" interference in the schools but in long life in the educational world I can truly say I have never heard a single accusation of party political influence in the appointment of heads, still less of assistant staff, or of political bias in the curriculum or educational

methods. My knowledge of independent schools leads me to think that the great majority of the governors and trustees are self-appointed and that the parents have little or no say in who shall be a governor. I think it is well known that the governors of most of the schools tend to be educationally conservative and politically Conservative as well. No political bias, indeed!

Yours faithfully,
BEN VINCENT,
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Rutherford,
Surrey,
May 9.

Education commitment

From Mr Ben Vincent
Sir, I am puzzled at the implication of the letter (May 9) from Mr Nick Earle that schools outside the public system are more responsive to parental opinion about education than are the people's own schools. How many independent schools have strong parents' associations which elect members to the board of governors? Almost all provided schools have this link with parents. What's more, of course, the other governors are almost all elected by bodies upon which the parents are represented or for which they have votes. A high proportion of county

Instability in world's debt crisis

From Mr M. M. Guerreiro

Sir, Deepak Lal's excellent and illuminating article on the international debt crisis (May 6) does have one important shortcoming. Dr Lal's article makes the relevant point that the current level of international indebtedness is low in comparison with historical levels earlier in this century. However, he fails to emphasize the crucial distinction between contemporary sovereign bank lending and the earlier forms of investment.

In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries most international capital movements were either direct foreign investments (as in foreign-owned mines or factories) or privately held portfolio investments in specific enterprises (as in railway bonds, etc). In either case, the purposes of the loans were known and the commercial viability of the ventures could be assessed. In contrast, most contemporary commercial finance to developing nations has taken the form of bank loans to sovereign governments.

This development has had several important consequences:

1. There is no longer any necessary link between the contemporary loans and viable projects which will provide the returns necessary to repay the debts.

2. Previously, there were no "cross default" agreements whereby if one loan went bad, all were held to be in default.

3. Unlike earlier private ventures, governments cannot go bankrupt as the result of imprudent investments (or at least so the banks thought).

The effect of these three factors was to reduce the incentives for lenders to charge appropriate risk premiums and take measures to assure that the loans would be invested productively.

Another factor of major importance is that the earlier forms of international finance were not inextricably entwined with the domestic credit systems of the lending nations. Thus when Brazil defaulted on its bonds in the 1930s, banks didn't collapse in Europe; instead private investors lost out.

For all of these reasons the contemporary pattern of international commercial lending is far less stable than that which existed prior to the Great Depression.

Yours sincerely,

MATTHEW M. GUERREIRO.
Magdalen College.
Oxford.
May 6.

CND and communism

From Mrs Diana Collins

Sir, I am grateful to Lord Home for his generous and courteous letter of apology (May 14) and I accept entirely that he never had any intention of making any reflection on my late husband's integrity.

Since, however, I have in front of me extracts from Lord Home's original speech (July 22, 1961) and also the full text of the correspondence between him and my late husband, I feel obliged to correct Lord Home on further statements made in his letter of May 9.

In his speech Lord Home did not specify any organization, but most people, including the media, members of whom immediately contacted my husband, took it that his remarks were aimed at CND.

My husband wrote protesting at Lord Home's suggestion that organizations were penetrated by communists. I am a共产党员 who are planted and paid and extremely well informed. He asked for evidence to substantiate such a claim in respect of CND. Here was at no point any question of my husband threatening Lord Home with a libel case. He said nothing about Christian Action.

Lord Home replied that he expected individual communists to "have joined genuine organizations with intentions to penetrate them for their own ends". He produced no evidence to substantiate his original statement.

My husband never denied the presence of individual communists in CND, in fact he discussed the matter openly in his book *Faith Under Fire*. He was always aware of communist interests and activity.

I can categorically say that there were never any communists on any committee of Christian Action, of which my husband was also chairman.

I can find nothing to substantiate Lord Home's story that four communists wrote to the press stating that they "admitted" that they were on my husband's executive committee. He does not say which executive committee.

Yours faithfully,

DIANA COLLINS,
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Stamford Street, SE1.

May 16.

From Mr M. Graham-Jones

Sir, Canon Collins was succeeded as Chairman of Christian Action by the Rev John Drennan, who then died almost at once. I succeeded him and therefore know something of those matters which have got Lord Home

saintly and openminded.

The press is leaned upon but diverse; Tanzania has no press worthy of the name at all. A dozen Kenyan intellectuals are detained without trial: a tiny number when compared with the thousands imprisoned without trial for various offences in past decades in Tanzania and in Kenya's other four neighbours. University debate has been cramped and politicians put under pressure to conform. But despite the fear, Kenya is still more free than most.

But Mr Moi lacks the stature of Mr Kenyatta, Kenya, with its horrifying population increase and dearth of natural resources (it is far poorer, potentially, than Tanzania), is passing through a bad patch economic and political. On balance, however, it still deserves every sort of assistance. In this time of trouble, Mr Moi needs to play his hand firmly. But his cards are weaker than before, and he should not nervously overplay them.

Lord Byers's "snag" is that this

A searching look

From Dr M. J. de C. Studdert

Sir, The only time I have been really fished by HM Customs (camping gear all removed from my mini-bus, tent unwrapped, hollow aluminium tent poles examined, camping-gas stoves scrutinized) was when I once arrived at Harwich in my Scout uniform... black shirt and dog collar with Scout badges. I have always assumed that my "disguise" looked too respectable.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. de C. STUDDERT,
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Berkshire,
May 9.

injustice would not be perpetuated.

Yours sincerely,
D. C. SPENCER,
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May 10.

From Mr Stuart Walker

Sir, A young leaver from a pension fund is usually offered a smaller amount of transfer money than that made available for an older leaver with the same record of service with the employer.

Conversely, an older applicant for a job, being more costly is regarded by the new employer, is less likely to be successful than a young applicant with the same qualifications.

Is equality in employment served by discriminating in opposite ways on the grounds of the ages of leavers and joiners?

Yours faithfully,

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May 9.

From Dr Sean McGrail

Sir, Whether London was or was not a trading centre from the fifth to the tenth century AD cannot be decided solely on the evidence of abandoned and sited-up Roman quays (see "Findings", May 9). Boats, and indeed ships, may have been operated from informal landing places on the foreshore, as seems to have been the case generally in Europe, outside the classical world.

Yours faithfully,

SEAN MCGRAIL,
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May 9.

London landings

From Mrs M. Lochner

Sir, May 1, as a member of West Sussex County Council's Planning Committee, make the following points on your report of May 5 and Mrs Ann Howe's letter of May 11 about exploratory oil drilling at Bawley's Copse, Grahams.

During the past 10 years we have had many such applications and have become accustomed to the occasional heavy machine crawling about the country lanes in a search.

As the authority concerned with strategic planning, it is our duty to take into consideration the national interest as well as, but not paramount to, the local one. For this reason we need to know where oil may be found - as in other cases such as sand and gravel.

It does not follow that the subsequent planning permission for its extraction would be allowed. This would be most carefully considered in relation to an amenity area which Mrs Howe and I value equally.

County Hall may seem remote to her, but I can assure her that elected members of the council are not

Yours faithfully,

MARY LOCHNER,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BBC needs and market solutions

From Mr W. Bishop and Dr C. Veltjanski

Sir, Dr Morgan, an adviser to the Director General of the BBC, takes issue (May 9) with the market solution to the allocation of radio frequencies which we advocated in *Choice by Cable*, recently published by the Institute of Economic Affairs.

She suggests that the proposal is somewhat fanciful because it ignores two considerations: that radio frequencies are allocated by international agreement and that the decision to use frequencies for public-sector uses is a political assessment that "cannot be left to the market". Both assertions are unpersuasive and sidestep the real issues.

First, it is incorrect to assert that frequency allocation in the UK is solely the province of international negotiation. The Home Office plays an important role in allocating frequencies to users and we recommended radical reform of management of the radio spectrum.

To assess our proposal, the proper comparison is not between political allocation and market allocation in principle, but how they will operate in practice. Dr Morgan discusses neither their relative merits nor the views of the Merriman committee, which has concluded that Home Office procedures have been unsatisfactory.

Second, Dr Morgan asserts that the market cannot value, and be trusted to deal with, the allocation of resources to law and order, the NHS and defence of national security. She says that public services of this kind should receive frequencies free of charge. Carried to its logical extreme, Dr Morgan would find herself advocating the free provision of police cars and ambulances to the public sector and, we suppose, free appropriation of food, fuel (and labour?) by hospitals.

If allocation of frequencies must be a political matter then certainly that of food must be also, since it is essential to life. The plain fact is that in most areas the police, NHS and the BBC have to pay for what they use or else they don't get it.

Yet all this misses the real attraction of the market solution. By pricing frequencies, users, whether public or private, are provided with an incentive to economise, to use scarce frequency space efficiently; an incentive that is absent at present.

The current system conceals the social costs that have resulted from mismanagement of the radio spectrum identified by Merriman. Dr Morgan's criticisms is that frequencies are costless.

Finally it was not our claim that the BBC should be dismantled or that public-service broadcasting had no justification - pace Dr Morgan. Mr Davies's analysis was not based on our book. Nor does the proposal for a frequency market or auction obviate the need for the Government to make political choices.

If the Government wants a BBC, then that decision will be reflected in the increased licence fee necessary to purchase the frequencies in competition with others. In this way the Government and the viewer can

assess whether this is the best use of the spectrum, because both will have a measure of the opportunities to society forgone by using the spectrum for BBC transmission rather than the next best alternative use.

Yours faithfully,
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Wolfson College, Oxford),
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Houghton Street, WC2.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 17: His Excellency Señor Don José Puig de la Bellacasa was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Spain to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Don Luis de la Torre (Minister Counsellor); Captain Don Manuel Gomez Diaz-Miranda (Defence and Naval Attaché); Don Ricardo Corres (Minister); Don Eduardo Aranda (Minister); Don César Gonzalez Palacios (Minister); Don Alberto Escudero (Counsellor); Lieutenant-Colonel Don Ramón de Meer (Military Attaché); and Lieutenant-Colonel Don Juan del Real (Air Attaché).

Señora de Puig de la Bellacasa had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present, and the Clerk of the Household in Waiting was in attendance.

Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Lewin had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand and Mrs Muldoon had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Headquarters Building of the International Maritime Organization on the Albert Embankment.

Having been received by the Mayor of Lambeth (Councillor Hugh Chambers), the Secretary-General of the Organization (Mr C. P. Srivastava) and the Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade (Sir Anthony Rawlinson), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque, toured the building and afterwards attended a Reception.

Lady Abel Smith, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Children Fund, this morning opened "The Signature Collection of Artists in Make-up" at Christie's, the Street, London, SW1.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Marconi Space and

Defence Systems Ltd at Stanmore, Middlesex.

Having been received by the Chairman (General Sir Harry Tuzo), Her Royal Highness was entertained at luncheon and afterwards toured the building.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 17: The Prince and Princess of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received the Prime Minister of New Zealand and Mrs Muldoon.

His Royal Highness, accompanied by Her Royal Highness, this evening opened an exhibition "The Renaissance" at Sutton Place Sutton Place, Guildford, Surrey.

The Hon Edward Adams and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President of The Frances Mary Buss Foundation, this afternoon visited the North London Collegiate School, Egmore and opened the McLauchlan Theatre.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Royal Air Force Station, Chivenor.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 575.8 up 4.5
FT Gilts: 80.59, down 0.02
Bargains: 16,602
Tring Hall USM Index: 166.2, down 2.0
Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones, 857.23, down 19.56
Hongkong Hang Seng Index: 930.70, down 12.10
New York Dow Jones Average (midday) 1,203.08, up 0.10

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.5570, down 15 pts
Index 83.7, down 0.1
DM 3.8325, down 0.75
FF 11.51, down 0.4
Yen 363, down 0.75
Dollar
Index 122.4, up 0.1
DM 2.4810, down 15 pts
Gold
\$443, up \$6.75
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold \$440.75
Sterling \$1.5545

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates 10
3 month interbank
10% = 10%
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar \$1.15 = 9.15
3 month DM 5% = 4.15
3 month Fr 1.15 = 1.15
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling
Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for
interest period April 6 to May 3,
1983 inclusive: 10.304 per cent

PRICE CHANGES

Regional Prop. 235p, up
43p
Collins K. 20p, up 3p
Gloves 74p, up 5p
Tilling 230p, up 24p
Atlantic Met. 88p, up 8p
IMI 60.5p, up 5p
Steep Rock 431p, down
232p
Atlantic Res. 65p, down 15p
Hambros (23) 29, down 21
Norfolk C. 30p, down 3p
Polly Peck £1.6, down £1.50
Avon 40p, down 3p

TODAY

Interim: Convermoor, Irish Distillers Group, Mettoy, Northern Industrial Improvement Trust, NSS Newsagents, Redfern National Glass, Finalis Advance Services, Ambrose Investment Trust, British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, Chamberlain and Hill, Hartwells Group, Usher Walker. Economic statistics: Indices of average earnings (March); indices of basic rates of wages (April).

IBA relaxes City ad rules

A relaxation of the rules governing financial advertising on television was announced yesterday.

The amendments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority's Code of Advertising Standards include: greater promotion of Company prospectuses; more financial information in corporate advertising by companies; advertising of the results of companies whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange; and advertising of savings facilities that are guaranteed by EEC governments, in currencies other than sterling.

RECOVERY SIGNS: There are signs of economic recovery in manufacturing and the service industries in London and the South-east, according to the latest trends survey from the London Chamber of Commerce and industry. Details, page 21

BOOST FOR BR: British Rail's Property Board made a £79m cash contribution to the railways. Sir Robert Lawrence, the board's chairman, said yesterday. He said the board, which had financial targets during 1982, had exceeded them.

DEBENTURE STOCK: Watney, Mann and Truman Holdings, a subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, has placed £50m of redeemable debenture stock, 2008, payable £25 per £10 nominal by May 24 and the balance by September 20. The issue yield will be at a margin of 1.25 per cent above the gross redemption yield on 13 1/2 per cent Treasury stock, 2004-08 at 3 p.m. yesterday as determined by S. G. Warburg.

PLANT-RIKE RIGHTS: Hewden-Stuart, the plant-hire company, plans to raise about £8.0m, after expenses, by a rights issue at par of up to 8.8m 10 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 2003-08. Terms: £1 for stock for every 10 ordinary shares. The conversion terms are equivalent to a conversion price of about 35.1p per ordinary share.

WALL STREET

Shares turn mixed

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Stocks turned mixed again yesterday after making a small gain throughout most of the morning.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell about 11 points, while advancing issues were nearly four-to-three ahead of declining. Trading was moderate.

General Electric fell 1 to 108.4; International Business Machines fell 7 to 114.5; General Motors fell 3 to 69.5; Eastman Kodak was unchanged at 74.5; Hewlett was down 1 to 120.5; and American Express fell 1 to 66.2.

Texaco at 35.5 was up 1 1/2; Montrose at 82.5 was up 1 1/2; Warner Lambert at 31 1/2 was up 1 1/2; Standard Oil of Ohio at 48.5 was down 1 1/2; PPG Industries at 63.5 was down 1 1/2; AMR at 26.5 was down 1 1/2; Union Pacific at 56.5 was down 1 1/2; Polaroid at 31 1/2 was up 1 1/2; Lockheed at 115 1/2 was up 1 1/2; and J. C. Penney at 58.5 was down 1.

Mr Robert Mintz, research vice president of Phillips Appel and Walden said: "A lot of nervous investors are confused because the market had come this far without a major correction. In this atmosphere people look for an excuse for a correction as shown by Monday's drop."

There was "moderate concern", Mr Mintz said, over interest rates and the possible resurgence of inflation.

Overseas problems for Lloyds

By Michael Prest

Lloyd's Bank International demonstrated clearly yesterday that international debt problems are far from over. It revealed that provisions for bad and doubtful debts in its interim results had doubled to £70.6m from the same period last year. But pre-tax profits rose from £67.4m to £70.3m.

Worries about debt difficulties will not be eased by reports yesterday that the Bank for International Settlements has decided to stop making bridging loans. The BIS stressed, however, that the terms of existing loans may be open to discussion.

The BIS policy narrows the choices open to banks trying to thrash out the details of interbank credits for Brazil. Bankers are meeting in New York and Senior Carlos Langa, the director of Brazil's central bank, is expected in both New York and Washington, where he will meet International Monetary Fund officials, this week.

In London there are hopes that a compromise can be reached between the banks themselves and between the banks and Nigeria over refinancing up to \$2,000m of the country's short-term trade credits.

Mr Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji, Nigeria's chief negotiator, said yesterday that talks on Monday had been constructive. So far about half the 23 banks involved in the talks have accepted the plan.

Lloyd's Bank International, which is wholly-owned by Lloyds Bank, is a big lender to Latin America, which includes some of the world's biggest debtor countries. Provisions for the six months to the end of September were £81.5m. But the latest provisions for the half year to March 31 have been more than offset by rising profits.

The bank has benefited from falling interest rates which reduced its cost of funds while borrowers from the bank were still paying higher rates. So interest income was £93.6m, compared with £97.4m in the preceding half, but interest charges fell by £42.9m to £80.2m.

This generated the higher profit and has enabled the bank to pay its parent a dividend of £20m after declaring no dividend at all last year.

Paper offer for troubled games maker

£10.5m play for Waddington

By Derek Hard, Commercial Editor

John Waddington, best known as a manufacturer of Monopoly, Cluedo and other games, yesterday attracted a paper bid from another Leeds-based company, Norton & Wright. At last night's closing Norton price, the bid was worth the overnight £10.5m.

Norton & Wright, which is being renamed Norton Opar, has been a big producer of lottery tickets but, since a management shake-up and return to profits, has been growing through acquisition. It has also been moving into the games sector. It has spent around £1m in half a dozen acquisitions for cash.

Norton, which in turnover is smaller than Waddington, is offering eight Norton shares for every five of Waddington's. Samuel Montagu is underwriting the share issue with a cash alternative if the offer becomes unconditional, clearly backing what it believes

Offer 'still totally unacceptable', says Sir Patrick Meaney

BTR raises record takeover bid for Thomas Tilling to £664m

By Our Financial Staff

BTR yesterday increased its offer for Thomas Tilling to £664m, making Britain's biggest takeover bid still bigger.

Sir David Nicholson, BTR chairman, emphasized that this was the company's final offer. But Sir Patrick Meaney, Thomas Tilling's managing director, said that he and his fellow directors regarded the bid as "still totally unacceptable".

The increased offer was announced early yesterday morning and BTR's advisers Morgan Grenfell took the opportunity of staging a "down the road" for Tilling shares in the market at the new offer price.

It is believed that they picked up about 8 per cent, or over 24 million, shares, bringing the BTR camp's total stake in Tilling to about 22 per cent. To do so they spent £55m.

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Frances Williams explains why sluggish growth is good news

The United States is expected to stage a distinctly anaemic economic recovery this year.

The administration is predicting growth of 4.7 per cent over the course of 1983, comfortably within the 4 per cent to 5 per cent consensus of most outside forecasters. This compares with increases of 6 per cent or 7 per cent typical of previous post-war recoveries.

Yet, far from finding this disconcerting, those charged with the management of the American economy are rubbing their hands with quiet satisfaction. They positively want a slow recovery and they hope it will continue that way.

Too rapid growth, they argue, would run the risk of triggering a fresh bout of inflation, forcing the authorities to bring the upturn to an untimely end. More immediately, it would threaten a sharp rise in interest rates as heavy borrowing by companies to finance stocks and investment would clash with the huge credit demands of the Government.

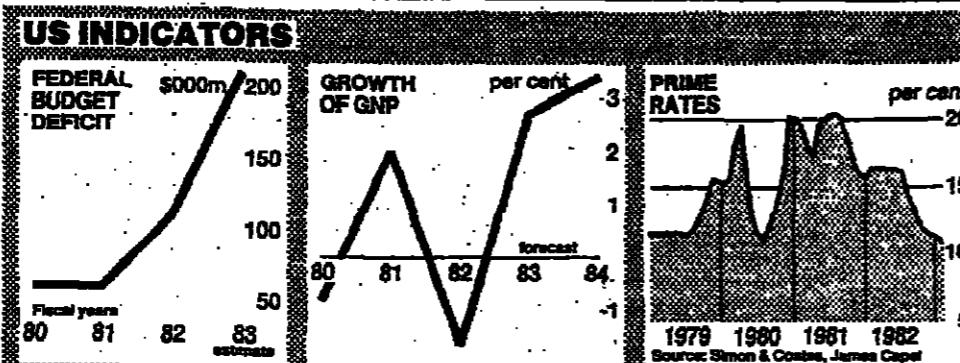
Economic indicators published in the last week or so suggesting the upswing may be stronger than that predicted have thus been greeted with some dismay.

As it is, administration and central bank officials believe 4 per cent to 5 per cent growth is compatible. At least over the next few months, with a further fall in inflation from the present 3½ per cent, some modest drop in interest rates and a gradual reduction in unemployment, now 10.2 per cent of the workforce.

The view that slow recovery is both more sustainable and less risky than faster growth is not universally shared outside government. Many fear the American economy will lose momentum before any significant inroads have been made in the jobless total.

With industry operating so far below full capacity, they

Punishing interest rates keep US recovery smouldering



believe, slow growth will not be sufficient to induce companies to invest in new plant and equipment while continuing high unemployment will dampen consumer spending, bringing the upturn sputtering to a halt.

All sides agree, however, that at the root of the sluggish rise in activity lies the chillingly high level of United States interest rates, for which the massive and growing federal budget deficit is held chiefly responsible.

From the deficit of \$58,000m in 1981, President Reagan's first year in office, the budget gap has quadrupled to an estimated \$210,000m in the current fiscal year, with deficits of \$200,000m-plus projected, on present policies, "as far as the eye can see". This would lead to a doubling of the national debt within five years.

It is not the deficit this year and next that cause most concern. Without them the recovery would be even more

feeble than it is. It is that, with Congress and the President still deadlocked over the Budget, there seems no prospect of lower deficits two years out and more, when recovery should be well under way.

Fears of the resulting credit crunch have kept long-term interest rates at punitively high levels despite the deep recession.

This has depressed investment. And, by pushing up the value of the dollar to grossly uncompetitive levels, it has hurt exports and ensured that much of the benefit of higher home demand is siphoned abroad as imports are sucked in.

Administration economists reckon that the worsening trade balance, expected to be in the red to the tune of some \$25,000m this year, will alone knock ½ per cent to 1 per cent off US growth in 1983.

The result is a lop-sided recovery based primarily on

higher government spending on defence and social security, some rise in consumer spending and a reduction in the rate of destocking.

In the past, a sub-normal upswing in the United States would cause considerable heartache to the rest of the world, which has traditionally relied on this giant economy to stoke the engines of global activity. Times have changed.

World growth prospects now depend at least as much, if not more, on what happens to US interest rates and the dollar as they do on US growth.

Recovery in one country transmits itself to the rest of the world through trade. The US remains the world's biggest single trading nation. But Germany and Japan together, are even more important. And the European Community as a whole does more than twice as much trade as the US.

Expansion in Europe and Japan, however, is being inhibited by high American interest rates and the strong dollar, which has forced countries to adopt tight money

polices to stem capital outflows and limit the inflationary consequences of their falling currencies. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently calculated that a 10 per cent depreciation of the dollar, accompanied by a cut of 2 percentage points in interest rates in the industrial countries, would boost OECD output by more than 1 per cent.

This compares with a boost to OECD output of ¼ per cent or less for every 1 per cent growth in the West.

Equally important is the expanding role of developing countries in the world economy, and its increasing interdependence. Two-thirds of Third World exports (including those of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) go to the industrial countries. One-quarter of OECD exports go to the poorer nations.

Growth of 1 per cent in the developing countries thus adds ¼ per cent to activity in the industrial world, rivaling the impact of the American

economy in driving or depressing international recovery.

Indeed, the potential impact of developing countries is far greater. In the 1970's their economies grew nearly twice as fast as the 3 per cent a year registered by the US. That is likely to be repeated if world recovery takes hold. The economic troubles of the Third World will this year cost the US itself perhaps 1 per cent growth, according to official estimates.

The most dynamic of the developing countries are, however, sometimes dangerously, in debt: the total is more than \$700,000m. Much of this is denominated and serviced in non-dollar currencies.

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It would also ease the pressure for protectionism in the US which threaten to cut off vital export markets for many third world countries.

Reduction in the debt servicing burden is crucial if developing countries are to expand their imports from the rich countries and renew the rapid economic growth which austerity measures forced on them by world recession and the debt crisis.

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Industrial notebook

Spark of life from a smaller industry

While British industry has been bemoaning in the last few years the lack of Government support for its endeavours to save them from the scrap heap or to help them fend off foreign competition.

One per cent drop in US interest rates is reckoned to bring \$4,000m off annual debt servicing costs, while a fall in the dollar would make repayments easier to meet from export earnings, which are often in non-dollar currencies.

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The industrial community rarely has the opportunity to hear in detail of the smaller, less glamorous attempts being made to prevent further erosion of the manufacturing base. It is rare indeed for an industrialist to sing the praises of the civil servants more often than they prefer to take the money and keep their mouths shut.

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jobs and completed a successful import substitution job.

Champion UK is now building up to a production rate of 1 million ceramic insulators a day and assembling 240,000 plugs a day. It exports insulators to Belgium. This, combined with an enviable industrial relations record and Mr Wilkie's tough but fair management, clearly fanned the department's desire to back a winner.

It was also sufficient to persuade Mr Patrick Jenkins, Industry Secretary, to visit the Upton factory recently and lay one of the bricks in the new kiln that he and the taxpayers have helped to provide.



Patrick Jenkins: backing winners.

The Upton investment shows what can be done when local management is convinced of the practicality of a scheme and can convey that enthusiasm to Whitehall. It is also a welcome example of investment in the North after closure in the prosperous South-east (Champion closed its plant at Feltham in Middlesex) rather than vice versa.

The Champion experience needs to be fully documented, like many others, without giving away business secrets, if only to demonstrate to the mass of ignorant small businesses what is available from the state, and how to go about getting it.

The department, under its self-created cloak of "commercial confidentiality," sadly is not prepared to discuss individual cases. Open industry as well as open government is surely needed.

Since May 1979, when the present Government came to power, £197m has been dispensed under Section 7 of what is now called the Industrial Development Act, and £1,984m in regional development grants. We know the regions and the industries that have mopped up the money, but we do not know the individual recipients. They should be encouraged to tell.

Edward Townsend

General Accident

THREE-MONTHS' RESULTS

Interim Statement

The results for the three months ended 31st March, 1983, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1982, which are restated at 31st December, 1982, rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1982.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	3 months to 31.3.83	3 months to 31.3.82	Actual Year 1982
	Estimate £ millions	Estimate £ millions	£ millions
Net written premiums - General Business	342.1	298.9	1,233.0
Investment Income	48.2	44.1	195.5
Underwriting Result - General Business	(40.0)	(56.2)	(153.8)
Long Term Insurance Profits	1.1	1.1	4.3
Profit/Loss before Tax and Minority Interests	9.3	(11.0)	46.2
Net Profit/(Loss) attributable to Shareholders	11.9	(1.6)	52.3
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results	\$1.48	\$1.62	\$1.62
	\$1.83	\$1.99	\$1.99

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 14.5% and 9.3% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations the increases were 9.7% and 4.5% respectively.

In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £125.3m (1982 £113.4m) and there was an underwriting loss of £19.3m (1982 £27.7m). Weather losses were much less than in the comparable quarter last year. This benefit was mainly reflected in the Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts which nonetheless reported underwriting losses of £3.7m (1982 £10.2m loss) and £5.4m (1982 £9.0m loss) respectively. The Motor account produced a loss of £8.1m (1982 £7.2m loss) reflecting the continuing high incidence of claims. Experience in the Liability classes was also substantially adverse.

In the United States, net written premiums were \$193.3m (1982 \$181.3m) and the operating ratio was 109.70% compared with 111.04% for the same period last year. This marginal improvement which largely stems from a comparatively better weather experience, was reflected in all major lines. On the United Kingdom accounting basis, the underwriting loss was £13.5m (1982 £12.7m loss).

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £7.2m (1982 £15.8m loss). The substantial part of this improvement arose in Canada where there was a modest profit after a loss of £5.4m a year ago. Despite an improved result from France, E.E.C. territories deteriorated £1.1m to a loss of £5.2m due principally to a very adverse experience in Ireland. Australia maintained last year's underwriting loss at £2.6m after claims from bush fires amounting to £2.8m.

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation plc
World Headquarters, General Buildings, Perth, Scotland.

Recovery signs in South-east

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

There are signs of recovery in manufacturing and the service industries in London and the South-east, according to a survey by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. But the report says: "It would be rash to conclude that this amounts to a genuine and sustained economic recovery."

In the past four months there have been improvements in domestic and export orders, in production levels and in investment intentions, it says.

Nevertheless, unemployment seems set to increase. Output prices are also rising among large companies, which appear to be improving their profit margins.

The survey appears to show that the setback late last year to the recovery which started in December 1981 was only

temporary. Domestic orders, for instance, are now slightly above the level of 1978.

But the benefit so far has gone to large and small companies, not to medium-sized ones. Only mechanical engineering among sectors has not reported distinct improvements.

About 42 per cent of companies report domestic order increases compared with 37 per cent at the beginning of the year. On export orders, 31 per cent of companies reported improvements compared with 21.4 per cent in the previous survey.

Production is also up. About 37 per cent of companies reported increased levels with 18 per cent showing a fall. Investment plans generally are on the upturn, with 30.5 per

APPOINTMENTS

Mr John S. Raith has become managing director of Tricentrol Oil Corporation.

Mr R. H. Hill has been elected president of the British Scrap Federation.

Mr R. R. Amos will retire as deputy chief general manager of Lloyds Bank on July 31. Mr F. W. Crawley will be returning as deputy chief general manager on August 1, having completed a secondment as vice-chairman and chief executive officer of Lloyds Bank California.

Mr Richard Price has been appointed director of social affairs at the Confederation of British Industry. He succeeds Mr Richard Worsley, who has taken up an appointment as corporate employee relations manager with British Aerospace. Miss Sonia Birkett becomes director of regions. She was director for smaller firms. The new director for smaller firms is Mr Martin Merton, who was director of social affairs (administration).

Mr John Griffiths has been made a director of Samuel Montagu International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Samuel Montagu & Co. Mr Griffiths will be taking up responsibilities as Samuel Montagu's representative in San Francisco in July.

Mr Alan V. Dodman has been appointed managing director of Readian International, and Mr Clive Shaw has joined the board.

Mr Robert Moore has been appointed managing director of Thirty-Nine Leasing Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Union Discount Company of London. He has also been appointed a manager of the Union Discount Company of London.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10%

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RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price	Change pence	Yield %
Alpha Industries Inc 100 Ord	124.2	-1.2	11.4
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Castle (GB) 25p Ord (50s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Chemical Methods Am NPF (112s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Deutsche Bahn 100 Ord	124.2	-1.2	11.4
Greater Trust 25p Ord (2s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Intervention Video Holdings 10p Ord (4)	31.2	-1.2	11.4
Lorlin Electronics 20p Ord (10s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Marathon Oil 100 Ord (10s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Microtess 100 Ord (94s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Miss World 10p Ord (6s)	112.2	-1.2	11.4
Monogram (GB) 10p Ord (6s)	65	-1.2	11.4
Octopus Packaging 10p Ord (s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Securicor 50p Ord (134s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Spring Ram 10p Ord (10s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Stamps Rest 10p Ord (10s)	116.7	-1.2	11.4
Supernova 10p Ord (17s)	64	-1.2	11.4
Television Services 10p Ord (10s)	125.2	-1.2	11.4
Issue price in parentheses. Unlisted Securities			

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Knight pierces Kent's armour

By Peter Ball

CANTERBURY: Surrey, with all wickets in hand, need 151 runs to beat Kent.

After some easy pickings in the early weeks against university bowling, Kent are suddenly finding runs hard to come by. From the moment Roger Knight won the toss in this Benson and Hedges Cup match yesterday and asked them to bat on a damp pitch they were up against it. Their final total of 150, reached a quarter of an hour before bad light and rain brought play to a close, was considerably higher than that of 141 in 1979.

Although the weather forecasters were proved right before ten time, the game started under a cloudless sky. The previous day's storm had left its mark on the pitch, however, and the opening overs confirmed suspicions that Tavaré's first mistake might prove fatal.

After eight overs, Kent had gained only 22 runs, but it was then that the arrival of the medium-pace pair of Knight and Monkhouse undermined their faltering progress.

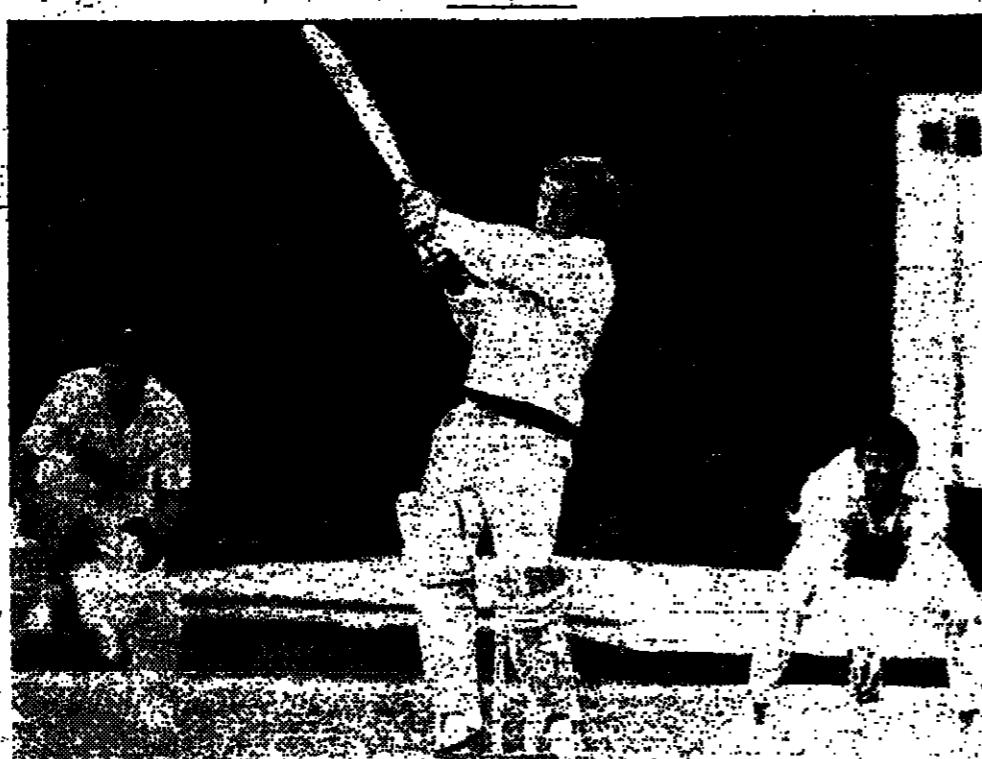
The Surrey captain has something of a reputation for being more dangerous than he appears, but on this occasion the pitch was more helpful to the medium-paced than to the spinners of Clark and Tavaré, as well as the latter bowled in his opening spell. If it was not unplayable, it was unpredictable. One ball stopped, another flew and a third kept low.

Taylor misjudged a drive to give Thomas a comfortable catch. Woolmer followed almost immediately, smashing at a shorter ball to give Richards the first of three catches, and when Tavaré was leg-before playing half forwards to a ball which kept low, Kent were 32 for three after 20 overs.

Worse was to come as Monkhouse took his turn. He had not bowled at ease since before a well-timed shunt to his helmet, and the helmet, but he was clearly displeased with the leap-before decision which saw his exit. Knott, so often the man for such a situation, this time went quickly, driving at a ball of full length to be well caught by Howarth at first slip.

At 45 for five, the Kent innings was apparently in ruins, but Cowdry and Johnson set about repairing it with some conviction. Cowdry in particular batted in a way which suggested that neither the pitch nor the bowling was totally responsible for Kent's plight. Johnson lent solid support and they were still together when Knight and Monkhouse finished their allotted overs.

With the pitch apparently easing after lunch, Kent's hopes of at least having something to bowl at began to improve, but when the pair had put on 60 they were parted by Pocock and another collapse followed. Clark accounted for Ellison and Dilley, and Pocock denied the last two a well-deserved 50, sending him into a sweep. That left Underwood and Jarvis with a lot to do.



Osman, of Minor Counties, hits out, watched by David East (left) and Ray East

All-round credit and a bonus point for the groundsman

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

SLOUGH: Essex (2pts) beat Minor Counties by 9 wickets

There was some credit for everyone in yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup match between Essex and Minor Counties. It was due to the Slovens club for making the most of a difficult little ground such good use, to Minor Counties for giving Essex a game, and to Essex for winning it comfortably enough in the end.

Needling 141, they got them in the forty-second of the 55 overs.

Essex's victory has virtually assured them of a place in the quarter-final of the competition, as long as they win their group, of a home semi-final against Hants in 1976. Essex has nothing to be granted when playing matches they should win. Yesterday the weather made them that much more eager.

For making as many as they did Minor Counties were indebted to their later batsmen. At 82 for seven after 44 overs, in poor light and light rain, it was hardly a contest. Given another chance Collyer might have chosen to field first, despite one very damp run-up. The best of the weather for batting came later in the day. With Essex, to a man, bowing very accurately, Minor Counties were soon wondering where the runs were going to come from.

Of their side half a dozen had played varying amounts of championship cricket, including the current coaches at Chelmsford (Collyer, Stuckey and Tavaré), Kennedy and Lewis had not been match overs and it was moving about; Pont, with a brother playing for Essex, carved the ball around as Minor Counties ran out.

The wild duck chase

Two weeks before Derbyshire's squad are picked for the Presidential World Cup, selector Alan Bedser is concerned about the lack of play so far, despite the weather. Mr Bedser does not improve substantially there will be little or no chance of a promising contender forcing his way in, he said that must be submitted to the International Cricket Council's selection committee.

"When you don't see any cricket you tend to stick to the tried and trusted performance," Mr Bedser said. "But it will be interesting to see how they have played much, either."

"One bowling is a problem. Those who may have had a chance just have not had enough match overs and it is worrying. Some of our opposition in the World Cup - Australia, West Indies, India and Sri Lanka - will come here with international cricket under their belts, having just finished playing Tests."

Barnett plagued by run out rash

By Gerald Richmond

Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by 51 runs

Kim Barnett, at 22, the youngest captain in Derbyshire's history, was given an indication of the problems ahead when Nottinghamshire won their first over, but Rice moved past lunch and a 65 minute interruption for rain to make a half-century before Tumicello's great measure of reward by having him caught behind off a huge top edge.

On a pitch offering some help to

bowlers, Nottinghamshire's accurate attack soon made their 226 for eight appear more formidable, especially when Derbyshire's extreme caution gave way to extreme rashness. Wood ran out Wright and then, suffering a rush of blood when his runs finally materialised, the over bowled him out. Tumicello, out again a second, to Birrell, Barnett, the new captain, was also run out by the length of the pitch.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: 1-10, 2-12, 3-14, 4-16, 5-18, 6-22, 7-25, 8-28, 9-30, 10-32, 11-34, 12-36, 13-38, 14-40, 15-42, 16-44, 17-46, 18-48, 19-50, 20-52, 21-54, 22-56, 23-58, 24-60, 25-62, 26-64, 27-66, 28-68, 29-70, 30-72, 31-74, 32-76, 33-78, 34-80, 35-82, 36-84, 37-86, 38-88, 39-90, 40-92, 41-94, 42-96, 43-98, 44-100, 45-102, 46-104, 47-106, 48-108, 49-110, 50-112, 51-114, 52-116, 53-118, 54-120, 55-122, 56-124, 57-126, 58-128, 59-130, 60-132, 61-134, 62-136, 63-138, 64-140, 65-142, 66-144, 67-146, 68-148, 69-150, 70-152, 71-154, 72-156, 73-158, 74-160, 75-162, 76-164, 77-166, 78-168, 79-170, 80-172, 81-174, 82-176, 83-178, 84-180, 85-182, 86-184, 87-186, 88-188, 89-190, 90-192, 91-194, 92-196, 93-198, 94-200, 95-202, 96-204, 97-206, 98-208, 99-210, 100-212, 101-214, 102-216, 103-218, 104-220, 105-222, 106-224, 107-226, 108-228, 109-230, 110-232, 111-234, 112-236, 113-238, 114-240, 115-242, 116-244, 117-246, 118-248, 119-250, 120-252, 121-254, 122-256, 123-258, 124-260, 125-262, 126-264, 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FOOTBALL: ENGLAND'S HOME INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

Blurred vision as Robson plans his future spectacles

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The vision of Bobby Robson, England's manager, is blurred, and not surprisingly. Forced to fix one eye on the British title and to train the other on the Australian tour, he is focusing somewhere between the present and the future. Yesterday he looked once more at preparations thrown out of perspective by the usual tiresome spate of injuries and club commitments.

Robson has yet to catch sight of anything like his strongest side. In his seven matches so far, injuries have ruled out a remarkable total of 47 players otherwise likely to be selected.

Yesterday he announced his choices for the home internationals against Northern Ireland, in Belfast on May 28, and Scotland, at Wembley on June 1, and felt compelled to omit a further 19 of his previous selections. Injury victims this time include: Martin (West Ham), Bennett (West Bromwich Albion), Caton (Manchester City), Coppell (Manchester United), Chamberlain (Stoke), Mariner (Ipswich), Regis (West Bromwich Albion), and Woodcock and Rix (both Arsenal).

Worse is to come. Almost half of the squad of 21 including all his most experienced members except Francis, are to fly off after the match against Scotland to various unlikely summer resorts with their club colleagues. When he chooses his Australian party within the next 48 hours, Robson has little option but to pick a new defence and a new midfield.

"It has become unavoidable that the sides for the home internationals and Australia are two separate issues," Robson said yesterday. "The clubs have dictated that. I have tried to keep what is right for the home internationals, in terms of the senior players, but look to those who will be available in the summer for a few of the other places."

Some promising youngsters, therefore, may gain financial rewards with their clubs but lose a chance to play for their country. Robson gave Duxbury, Manchester United's talented and uncapped right back, as an example, one of the substitutes against Hungary, he is dropped in favour of Thomas, of Coventry City, who has been standing on the international touchline.

Yet there are exceptions and Duxbury may be puzzled by the inclusion of Roberts, an unconvincing defender who will be allowed to let down his guard.

Brighton end Foster appeal

Brighton conceded defeat yesterday in their attempt to have their captain, Steve Foster, available for Saturday's FA Cup Final against Manchester United when they decided not to appeal against Monday's High Court decision that Foster's two-match suspension should stand.

Foster was automatically banned for two games after collecting 31 disciplinary points. He missed Brighton's game at Norwich on Saturday, but hoped that the unprecedented High Court hearing would free him for Wembley. The case went against him, however, and yesterday, after his legal advisors had considered the judge's summing up, plans for an appeal were dropped and a statement issued.

The decision is a bitter disappointment for Foster and for Brighton's manager Jimmy Melia, who has championed the England international defender's cause throughout the trial. Tony Greaves will replace Foster as captain.

Chris Ramsey also missed the Norwich game, when he was finishing a two-game ban, and

Fulham appeal goes ahead

Fulham have decided to proceed with an appeal to the Football Association after the decision of a Football League commission on Monday to refuse a replay of the match with Derby County, which Fulham lost 1-0 at the Baseball Ground on Saturday.

Chester in new plea to League

Sir Norman Chester is pressing the Football League to set up a committee to keep alive those parts of his long-term plan for football that next month's annual meeting looks set to reject. He is eager to stop his 1983 report from going the way of his first in 1968, with special emphasis on the recommendations aimed at helping clubs in the lower divisions.

Sir Norman said yesterday: "It would be wrong to give the impression that the whole thing is over, that decisions have been made and that is an end to it. I wanted to try to get a structure and pattern of football that would stand up for the future. We've started something and it would be sad if the League was allowed to let it drop."

He opposed his committee's recommendation to amalgamate the third and fourth division's and criticized the chairman's recent decision to let "natural wastage" solve the league's inefficient bulk.

"My proposal aims to keep clubs in existence, but at a level below the Football League," he said. "A football club bearing the name of a town is part of the British social structure, but that does not mean that all town clubs must be included in the Football League."

Cyril Townsend, who represented the banks on Sir Norman's committee, delivered a warning to the clubs as they considered how much of the report to implement.

"There will be a lot of fall-outs in the next two or three years. In the last bank, there have been a little over indulgent and sympathetic, but now they are saying 'enough is enough'.

With the game's aggregate debt at around £40m, Mr Townsend said: "I'm sure that banks were looking for the League to put its financial affairs in some sort of order."

Bingham has hopes for his World Cup trio

Northern Ireland could lose two players from their party for the home international matches if the weekend's two cup finals go to replay. Norman Whiteside, of Manchester United, is involved in the FA Cup semi-final, and Roy McClelland, of Rangers, is in the Scottish Cup Final. If replays are required, the clubs will withdraw the players.

The Northern Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, hopes to play his three first choice forwards, Whiteside, McClelland and Billy Hamilton, of Burnley.

"I'm looking forward to operating with this trio again, particularly as it will enable Armstrong to play at his best position, as a deep-lying centre forward," Bingham said.

Two Irish League players, Jim Cleary and Gary Mullan, both with Northern Ireland, have also been included. Cleary played against Scotland and Wales last season; Mullan, formerly with Everton, came on as a forward in the European Championship tie against Albania last month.

Bingham has drafted two young defenders into his squad for the matches against Scotland, England and Wales later this month. Jim Hagan, of Birmingham City, and Nigel Worthington, of Notts County, both of whom have been on the verge of international recognition for some time, get their chance because Jim Nicholl, of Toronto Buzzards, one of the

UEFA delete Robertson's goals

John Robertson, the Hearts forward who scored both Scotland goals in their 4-2 defeat by England in the European Youth Championship on Sunday, should not have played.

The result of Sunday's game has been amended to a 3-0 win for England - the fixed penalty for fielding an ineligible player.



Experience and aggression: Forest's Hart transplant

Leeds lose Hart

Nottingham Forest have signed Paul Hart from Leeds United for £60,000. The 20-year-old centre forward, who joined Leeds from Blackpool for £30,000 five years ago, made 223 appearances for the Elland Road club.

Brian Clough, the Forest manager, said: "Hart has all the ingredients required - experience and aggression."

Leeds have also placed Arthur Graham, on the transfer list. The Scot international left wing-forward from Aberdeen six years ago, has been loaned to Hartlepool United.

Gerry Francis, the club captain, whose contract has 12 months to run, also had talks about his future at the club yesterday.

Malcolm Allison, the Middlesbrough manager, has put strikers Roy Hanks and Dave Shearer on the transfer list.

Hanks, the former Burnley and Leeds United forward, joined Middlesbrough from Vancouver Whitecaps for £85,000 last year.

Blackpool's black day

Thirty years after winning the FA Cup in the famous Matthews final, Blackpool face the indignity of having to apply for reselection to the Football League. The team, drawn from League Two, have put Blackpool in the bottom four but it is not the first time they have

had to reapply. They faced a similar situation back in 1889 when there were only two divisions in the league.

The club chairman, Ken Clegg, said: "It is the lowest point of my life having to apply for reselection for a great club like Blackpool".

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Game that bowls them over in suburbia cannot be casually mastered

All the family can join the pursuit of perfection in the tenpin lanes

OUTPOSTS

It's not all beer and skittles at the Tolworth bowling alley. Ian Nicolle, being a British international tenpin bowler, had a duty to the rest of the Rams team, and urgently needed to return scores of 210. Harnessing the skills he used against Norway's finest sons, he ambled to the foul line and cracked the 16lb ball away with a casual, nononsense-free air.

As usual, the ball whizzed directly towards the outside pins, an apparent miscalculation that would demolish a mere half dozen of them, but then performed an apparent act of total disobedience to Newton's laws of physics by making an abrupt left turn, scything it down in its prime, and clouting the fifth pin dead centre. With a satisfying death rattle, the domino effect was achieved, total demolition was established, and the other four Rams all said "ray", and proffered hands, palms, up to the triumphant one. He patted each of them, as was his due, and slouched back to watch his colleagues continue this epic of destruction.

For this was the Surrey area championships at the Chippington Bowl, Tolworth, and the Rams was thick with the sound of rattling, crashing, cartwheeling pins, the rumble of the huge cannon balls along the much-preserved wooden lanes, and the shouts of triumph and congratulation.

Nicolle said: "Most people

think of tenpin bowling as a recreation. But to us it's a sport." Actually, most of us think of tenpin bowling not so much as a recreation as mucking about as about important in sporting terms as coke and burgers are gastronomically.

Men and women do not

compete together in tenpin.

"Physical strength makes a difference," they agreed. "A difference of 10 to 15 pins over

three games."

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seemed to be holding out

admirably as he bowed on for the Rams. His habit is to roll along the seventh board of the lane, which argues a habit of precision, since the boards are

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Wild dream

But tenpin is nonetheless a sport concerned with the pursuit of excellence, and a game where perfection is both spectacularly graspable and disturbingly remote. To whack all the pins down in one go and score a "strike", thereby doubling the rewards of your next two balls, is not difficult. To score further strikes with these next two is a lot harder. The ultimate perfection, a 10-frame game with a total of 300 points for 12 consecutive strikes, is for most players only a wild dream.

But not for Glen Gibbons. He is a lanky 16-year-old who has achieved this genuinely remarkable feat in a league game at Tolworth, and Tolworth is still rejoicing. He was there at the Surrey area championships, with a technique that makes him look like an over-enthusiastic drama student requested to portray the concept of gawkiness. He moved towards the line with arms and legs in odd places only at the moment of release does he find grace and cohesion, and the result is a machine-tooled accuracy. He is an international in the making, a genuine sporting talent.

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Final efforts

The competition, like strokey-golf, was based on totals returned, and all around the air was filled with the sounds of totals being amassed. The 36 lanes were packed with men in their special shirts bearing the team name between the shoulder blades: St. Ives Carpenters, Home Video Club, Abso Concrete, East India Squadron - all putting their last drops of energy into final efforts to break the totals a few pins higher. Pins crashed, rattled, exploded, palms were slapped, the Tolworth air was punched again and yet again.

Nicolle, shame on him, failed to register a strike with his final frame, but recovered sufficiently for a spare. Entitled to a final delivery, he retrieved his ball without fuss, strolled easily to the line, rolled the ball along the seventh board and watched as the ball hooked inward and outward. With a crump and a clatter the 10 of them leapt and fell: strike. Air-punch. Palm-slap. Four call of "ray". Harden bought everyone a beer.

Simon Barnes

HOCKEY

England to play good neighbours

By Sydney Friskin

There is now every chance that the home countries tournament will be revived. On a proposal made by the Hockey Association the matter is to be discussed on the occasion of the quadrangular tournament in Cardiff on July 15.

The home countries tournament, one of the oldest in the country, was abandoned in 1972 because of England's desire to play in the European Cup, among other things. Continental opposition. The event at Cardiff gives all four home countries an opportunity to prepare for the European Cup tournament in Amsterdam from August 18 to 28.

England, contrary to earlier expectation, have a chance of gaining more experience before the Amsterdam tournament. Kenya, who will shortly visit the United States, has asked Scotland, Scotland and Wales for fixtures some time at the end of July. England are prepared to entertain the Kenyans if provided they can find the cash to do so. Kenya, however, have stipulated that their matches in Britain will not be full internationals.

It is also possible for the England under-21 side to take part in the junior home countries tournament at Aberystwyth on July 9 and 10 before departing to Lisbon for the junior European Cup tournament the following weekend.

The original intention was to send an England B side to Aberystwyth.

England and Wales will play in another qualifying tournament for the Junior European Cup, in Dublin from September 20 to 25. Their rivals will be Netherlands, Denmark and Switzerland. Two teams will qualify for the main tournament to be held in the summer of 1984.

Approval, meanwhile, has been given to England's participation in the junior European indoor championship in 1985.

Ford's, who have been banned from further participation in the national club championship, have threatened to leave the Hockey Association. They say the association should have been more involved in the players involved, not the club. The competitions committee of the Hockey Association took action against Ford's after incidents last season in their match against Slough in the club championship, after which the conduct of some Ford's players came under serious review.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 7, Boston Red Sox 6; Boston Red Sox 7, Cleveland Indians 1; Cleveland Indians 7, Boston Red Sox 6; Boston Red Sox 7, Texas 6; Texas 6, Boston Red Sox 7; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Boston Red Sox 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 11, Pittsburgh Pirates 4.

FOOTBALL

YACHTING

Squalls about four recalls

By John Nicholls

For the second time in this windy Weymouth Week the 470 sailors ended the day in disgruntled mood. Their race was entirely abandoned by the race officer after four attempts to start had ended in general recalls. During this time of course, when fewer than 20 numbers had managed to start successfully in the same conditions on the same starting line.

Afterwards the 470 competitors had numerous explanations for their inability to start properly, most of them blaming the race officer.

Between the rain squalls, good racing was enjoyed by the other classes in this regatta sponsored by National Westminster Banks. Three boats still have records: Chris Law in his Solent, Robert White (Tornado) and Stuart Chilvers (Laser). Law is taking the opportunity to tune a new boat before he leaves for Newport to join the Victory America's Cup Syndicate.

White seems finally to have established a clear superiority over his father, Lee, a Tornado gold medallist, World champion and supreme catamaran sailor since Robert was a baby. The previous day's Tornado results now have a new look since it was established that the provisional winners had not sailed the correct number of rounds. Robert White, thus gained his second win, with his father placed second.

Jo Richards re-established himself at the head of the Flying Dutchman fleet, with another win after his retirement on Monday.

The first three places of the Finn class have been occupied by the same three men each day. Yesterday it was the turn of Roddy Bridge to win.

WIMBROOK: Soling: 1. C Law; 2. C Edwards; 3. G Ross. Flying Dutchman: 1. J. Richards; 2. D White; 3. P. Law. Tornado: 1. Robert White; 2. C Law; 3. S. Chilvers. Laser: 1. R. White; 2. S. Chilvers; 3. M. McIntyre. Laser: 1. S. Chilvers; 2. M. McIntyre; 3. M. R. White; 4. J. Law.

Tada ends race on a high note

By Barry Pickthall

Yukio Tada, the saxophone-playing taxi driver from Tokyo, crossed the Newport finishing line at 10.53 local time yesterday at the end of the BOC single-handed round-the-world yacht race to clinch class two honours by a margin of one day and a half over the American, Francis Stokes.

Tada, whose love for modern art, jazz and saki has made him one of the principal characters in the 27,000-mile race, was injured when he was hit in the nose. One of his sewing machine and saxophone landed on him as he lay in his bunk. But he recovered after administering a pressure cure to his bruised nose.

Sydney, the halfway stage, he was third in class, nine days behind Jacques de Roux, but moved into the lead at Rio de Janeiro, the third stop-over port, after the Frenchman's yacht sank in a storm between New Zealand and Cape Horn.

It was not until Tada himself almost came to grief, for after crossing the finish line his 44ft yacht Loden Okura V ran onto rocks. He used the lay-over first to repair the damage to the hull, then reshaped the keel in the hope of improving his yacht's windward performance on the last eight weather leg back to Newport. Far from speeding his progress, however, the damage delayed him, allowing Stokes the chance to claw back half a day on Tada's time.

TENNIS

Panatta: a bulwark gone

Early exit of Panatta

Rome (AP)-Pablo Arraya, of Peru, the ninth seed, beat Adriano Panatta, of Italy, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 in an emotional first round match in the Italian championships yesterday.

Panatta, making one of his last appearances in front of a home crowd before his promised retirement, has been the bulwark of Italian tennis for a decade. He won the first set easily and took a 4-2 lead in the second before running out of steam.

"I was losing the match, so I forgot all about Adriano and the crowd, and went for broke," Arraya said. He forced Panatta to the net with soft drop shots and sent him racing back to the baseline, wounding him out.

The crowd in the Foro Italico broke out into their familiar chant, "Adriano," but it was in vain. Except for his first service, Panatta showed little of his old spectacular skill.

In other first round matches, Thierry Tulasne, of France, knocked out the No 16 seed, Victor Pecchi, of Parma, 6-2, 6-2, and a young Italian, Francesco Cancellotti, beat Aaron Krikorian, of the United States, a qualifier, 7-6, 6-2.

Meanwhile the organizers of the championships, which have attracted the poorest field for years, announced that the top seed, Jose Higueras, of Spain, has decided that he is fit enough to play. His appearance was in doubt because of a nagging shoulder strain suffered in a tournament last weekend.

The top seeds go into action for the first time today. Besides Eiteras, they include Jose Luis Clerc, of Argentina, seeded second,

Piggott poised on Polished Silver

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Today's programme at Goodwood is built around the Schroder Life Predominate Stakes, the last-recognized Derby trial in this country before the all-important day at Epsom in a fortnight. Time alone will tell whether the race has the sort of bearing that it did in 1979 when Troy took this particular path on his way to greater glory at Epsom.

What is clear is that today's race will help Lester Piggott to sort out his plans which will be useful because, with eight Derby victories already to his name, the champion jockey is an important bit of the annual classic jigsaw puzzle.

With Gordon, Cock Robin and Gorytus arguably their first strings for the Derby, Guy Harwood, Michael Stoute and Dick Hern are feeling the strength of the opposition by running Dawn River, Putney Bridge and Morcon. Of these, only Morcon is still engaged in the Derby. He ran really well in his only race as a two-year-old, polished Silver encountered the first and only defeat of his career at Sandown last month when he finished only fourth in the Guardian Classic Trial.

Three things prompt me to excuse him for that failure and with him now, firstly, the appalling conditions underfoot at Sandown; secondly, the ludicrously slow gallop at which that race was run; thirdly the well-catalogued fact that Polished Silver is such a lazy horse that Dawn River, who is a full brother to Vigors, a top-class horse over middle distances in

the United States, is fit and fended; but he has quite a lot to make up on his two-year-old form if he is to beat John French, let alone Polished Silver.

Putney Bridge, Stoute's runner, was trained by Edward O'Grady in Ireland last year. He won his only race at Leopardstown, beating Storm Bird's expensive, but disappointing, full-brother Ballydoyle. Again he seems to have plenty to find on that form, but our Newmarket correspondent says that he has been shaping well.

Rock's Gate is still unfeated after various ventures to Leicester, Wolverhampton and Bath. I saw him win the Somerset Stakes on the last-mentioned course and he could hardly have been more impressive. He clearly revels in the prevailing soft conditions underfoot, but Polished Silver is preferred on balance of form.

Still on the classic front there should be no lack of interest in the proceedings at the Curragh on Saturday when the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Gallinule will be the main attraction. Five fillies trained in England - Annie Edge, Favorgood, Good-bye Shelly, Gabibot and Nibbles were among the 26 who stood their ground yesterday for the Irish 1,000 at the four-day stage.

Included in that number was the remarkable Irish filly, Give Thanks, who has already won twice in Ireland this season, as well as the Oaks Trial at Lingfield and Musidora Stakes at York. This time her connexions have a choice of engagement because they have also left her in the Gallinule Stakes. It would be asking a lot of Give Thanks to revert to a mile, after her exploits over much further in England last week.

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hope that it will be for the Gallinule, over a mile and a half, as then she really could tell us the time of the day about Vincent O'Brien's three acceptors, Carleton, Salford and South Atlantic, not to mention the recent easy winner, Observatory Hill who will, I gather, be ridden by Lester Piggott.

Those cynical souls who could be heard muttering darkly that there was something fishy about the result of the featured Clive Graham Stakes at Goodwood yesterday were absolutely right. The surprise winner, Fine Sun is owned by Bill Hobson, a middle-aged former jockey and the thousands of people crowding around him in the unsaddling enclosure were no doubt trying to get as close as possible to that little of his phenomenal luck which would rub off.

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BLESSED BE THE LORD, who
died in the year of our Lord, 1982.
The God of our salvation. Psalm 68:19

BIRTHS

ALSTON - On Sunday, May 15th, to
Diana (nee McLean) and James... a son.

BERTHRAM - On Sunday, May 15th to
Peter and Gillian... twins, Felicity Hale and Nicholas Hale.

BURTON - On May 15th, Alison
and Simon... a daughter Katherine Helen.

CAVE - On May 15th, to Caroline (and
Caroline) a daughter, Caroline Valerian, a sister for Nicholas.

CHARLES - On 15th May, Queen
Charlotte to Prince Charles and
William, a daughter (Florence).

CREWELL - On May 15th, at Mount
Alvernia, Dublin, a daughter
(Lucinda Miriam) Charlotte, a sister
for Christopher.

DEPARTMENT - On 12th May at University
College Hospital in Lichfield and
with 3 daughters, a sister for Benjamin.

DEVONHURST - To Simon and
Kathleen on April 22nd - a son,
Patrick Dugay.

DYSON - On 16th May, at the Royal
Mews, London, a son, David and
Paula a daughter, Walker.

FEW - On 14th May, to David and
Lorraine, a son, Edward, a daughter.

FRITH - On May 16th, to Anne
Frith and Comer, a son, Patrick

FITZROY - On 15th May to Trese-
tree Evert and Rodney, a son, Liam.

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Kathy) and Angus - a daughter
(Sarah).

BIRTHDAYS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY Duncan.
All our love, Sarah and the children.

DEATHS

BARBER - On Saturday 14th May
peacefully, London, a son, Peter, a
daughter, a brother and a sister of
Linda and Barbara, Linda, Mark
and Simon, and a brother of
Katherine in strength from 100.

BEST - On May 14th, in Terne
Moor, a son, Peter, a daughter, a
brother and a sister of Thomas William Best, mother of
State Funeral service at St. Peter
in the Church, Cuckfield, Sussex.
Donations to the Royal Marsden
Hospital or the Leukaemia Research
Fund.

BOYD - On May 14th, to Moly
and Peter - a son, Michael.

COOPER - On May 14th, to Moly
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STEEDMAN - On May 14th, peacefully
in hospital, aged 88 years.
G.M.O. C.H. M.D. Peter
Edward Steedman, husband of
Olivia, dearly loved father of
Peter and Richard, beloved
Catherine, Elizabeth, and
service at St Mary the Virgin Church,
20th May 1983.

STEVENS - On May 15th 1983
peacefully, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
Beloved husband of the late
Peter and Elizabeth Stevens, and
father of G. E. Creed and
Trevor. Enquiries to G. E. Creed
and Trevor, Directors, 41-45 High
Street, Cheltenham GL5 1SP.

TAYLOR - On May 16th, Frank M. H.
Taylor, P.D. C.B.E. after a very long
illness, died at his home, 200
Highgate Hill, London NW3.
Funeral service at St Margaret
Patten Church, London NW3, on
20th May 1983.

THOMAS - On May 16th, to Moly
and Peter - a son, Michael.

WHITE - On May 16th, to Moly
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

5.00 *Ceefax* AN News headlines, weather, sport and traffic certain. Also available to viewers with television sets that do not have the teletext facility.

6.30 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough and Sallie Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 8.45 and 7.00; tonight's television programme between 7.15 and 7.30; pop music news between 7.30 and 7.45; review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.22; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; agony column between 8.45 and 9.00; and cooking hints between 8.45 and 9.00. Today's guests are Rod Hull with *Emu and Geyo* Hunnitcut.

9.05 *Election Call* (with Radio 4).

10.00 *You and Me* for four and five year olds (r) 10.15 *For Schools*, *Colleges*: *Everyday Maths* 10.40 *Mind Stretchers* (ends at 10.45) 11.00 *Words and Pictures* 11.17 The dawning of the Solar Age 11.40 North American Indians 11.55 *Closedown*.

12.30 *News After Noon* with Richard Whitmore and Anne Diamond. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon 1.02 *Regional news* (London and SE only); *Financial report* followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.05 *Postbox* (in case 1.45) *The Flings A See-Saw* programme for the very young (r).

2.01 *For Schools*, *Colleges*: *North American Indians* 2.18 *New and Far* 2.49 *The Children and Seasons*: *Autumn* 3.05 *Postbox* *News* A documentary about five Britons who spent the war years in the South of France. The narrator is Michael Bryant. (r) 3.53 *Regional news* (not London or Scotland).

3.55 *Play School* shown earlier on BBC 2 4.20 *The All New Super Show* Three cartoons (r) 4.45 *Choppers Plays Pop* Fun and games and pop music from guests Big Country and David Van Day 5.05 *John Craven's Newsworld* 5.10 *Wildtrack* The first of a new series of nature magazines presented by Su Ingle and Michael Jordan. (see *Choice*).

5.40 *News* with Richard Whitmore 5.40 *South East at Six*.

6.55 *National*.

6.55 *Cartoon* *Bugs Bunny in Fresh Hare* (r).

7.05 *Triangle* Cleo receives a shock when she is told to take a medical when being interviewed for a job on board the ferry.

7.50 *Film Not Now, Comeback* (1976) starring Leslie Phillips and Roy Kinnear. The first showing on British television of the adaptation of a successful Whitehall Theatre farce about a Russian ballet dancer who defects to the West pursued by the KGB. Directed by Harold Snod and Ray Cooney.

9.00 *Electoral Broadcast* by the Labour Party.

9.30 *News* from John Humphrys, plus campaign report.

9.45 *Boys and Friends*: *Joining the entertainer on stage at the Pantomime*, *Teatro*, *Teatro*, *Teatro* Ruth Madoc, Aiden J Harvey and Mary Hopkins.

10.25 *Sportnight* introduced by Harry Carpenter. Highlights of the British Lions rugby match this afternoon against Auckland plus a profile of England cricketer, David Gower.

11.10 *News* headlines.

11.15 *Carrie* The overweight detective is the victim of a South Korean army officer's personal vendetta (r).

12.05 *Weather*.

TV-am

6.00 *Daybreak* with Gavin Scott followed at 6.30 by *Good Morning Britain* presented by Lynda Bellingham and Nick Owen. News at 6.00, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; a review of the morning papers at 8.45 and 8.55; sports news at 8.45; pop video at 8.55; election report with Robert Kee at 7.30; news from the television world at 7.32; guest celebrity Anna Hart at 8.05; a look inside Bob Hope's house at 8.55; closing headlines at 9.15; *Closedown* at 9.15.

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9.30 *For Schools*: *The Ironbridge Gorge Museum* 5.42 A day in the life of a country vet 6.59

The life cycle of the common butterfly 10.18 The people and animals who live near the sea shore 10.35 Do we need nuclear power stations? 11.05

Living in a post-industrial society 11.22 Children's relationships and responsibilities 11.30 A modern farm compared to the Action Scott working farm museum.

11.45 *Cartoon* *Time Cookin'* with Gags (r) 12.05 *Rod, Jane and Freddy* and the Opera Singers. For the very young 12.10 *Rainbow Learning* with puppets (r) 12.30 *Movie Memories*. Roy Hudd with excerpts from films featuring television stars. His guest is Harry Fowler

1.00 *News* with Leonard Parkin 1.10 *Today* 1.15 *Closedown* 1.30 *Crown Court* Considering the case of the factory worker accused of sabotaging the production line 2.05 *A Plus* visits the National Horseracing Museum at Newmarket. Music comes from George Forme who talks about and sings the songs of Hoagy Carmichael 2.30 *A Country Practice*. A mystery virus hits the local school 3.30 *Three Little Words*. Word association game for married couples

4.00 *Rod, Jane and Freddy*. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15

David Hudd leads the magic stick 4.20 *Film Fun* - The Movie presented by Derek Griffiths 4.45 *What's Happening*

London's Capital Radio meets Centre Radio, Leicester, in a quiz about the week's news 5.15 *Gambit Quiz* game presented by Tom O'Connor

5.45 *News* 6.00 *Thames* news with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 *Help! Cathi Wheately* with news of statutory sick pay

6.35 *Crossroads*. Joe MacDonald receives some advice about his wife's maintenance claim

7.00 *Where There's Life*. Rob Buckman reports from the Philippines where an increasing number of English, American and German men are buying a wife of their choice

7.30 *Coronation Street*. Vera Duckworth is tricked by Bet Lynch into visiting the video-browsing bureau

8.00 *The 1983 British Beauty Championships*. Peter Marshall and Judith Chalmers with the competitors to find the Misses England, Scotland and Wales

9.00 *Electoral Broadcast* by the Labour Party

9.10 *Inside China* The Kazakhs. A documentary about the independent, nomadic tribe who live between Tibet and Mongolia (see *Choice*)

10.10 *News*

10.45 *Midweek Sports Special* including highlights from the second leg of the UEFA Cup final between Benfica and Anderlecht and boxing from last night's bout featuring Britain's top middleweights

12.15 *Barney Miller*. Chaos reigns in New York after a torrid downpour

12.45 *Close* with Barbara Leigh-Hunt



A Kazakh tribesman: Inside China (ITV 8.10pm)

● **Granada's** *INSIDE CHINA* series (ITV 8.10pm) comes to a close with an excellent documentary about a family of the Kazakh race - once fierce independent people who live a nomadic existence in north-west China between Mongolia and Tibet. When the communists took over China in 1949, the Kazakhs, along with other tribes, tribal minorities, were either assimilated or forced to live the party line. This meant dispossessing of their wealth and the necessary to join a commune. Abderi Cai and his family are now happily integrated into the communist way of life and the programme joins them as they are packing up their winter quarters in the foothills to move to their summer home higher in the Tien Shan mountains. The programme vividly illustrates the family way of

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life from the healthy, rosy-cheeked older who still hunt rabbits and foxes with eagles. Making marmots, branding yaks, shopping in a bazaar and at school. In fact every facet of daily Kazakh life is covered in this fascinating film of a remote people. ● **BBC** Bristol's enthralling wildlife magazine series, *WILDLTRACK* (BBC 1 5.10pm) makes a welcome return with Mike Jordan defending the much-maligned (by gardeners) mole and Suki diving to the depths in a mini-submarine to examine the seemingly grotesque denizens of the deep like the hatchet-mouth and the stekayte.

● For his first play for radio, THE

MARIJUANA KID (Radio 4 3.02pm) John McKenzie has chosen a subject of which he has first-hand experience - boxing. Gerard Kelly stars as Harry Burns, a young, unemployed schoolteacher with a will and chid to support. With time on his hands and a need for an outlet for his pent-up frustrations, Harry decides to train with the local amateur boxers. John McKenzie's experience of such places stands him in good stead and he captures the atmosphere of the gym perfectly. Harry is an unlikely candidate for the boxing ring, with baseball bats, pin-striped vest, glasses and long hair, but nevertheless a bout is arranged for him. His initial enthusiasm turns to apprehension and, with some comical moments, the play comes to typical boy's adventure story end.

10.00 *Music Makers*, 10.20 *Something to Think About*, 10.30 *Star Gazing* (with French II), 11.00-12.00 *For Schools* 11.00 *Singing Together*, 12.10 *The Music Box*, 11.35 *Noteboard*, 11.40 *Health Science*, 1.55pm *Listening Corner*, 2.00-3.00 *For Schools*, *Music Movement* and *Drama*, 1.45 *Our History Resource* 2.45 *Nature* 8.50-9.55 *PM (continued)* 11.00 *STUDY ON 4*: *Locally Speaking* 11.30-12.10 *Open University* 11.30 *Diderot and Pleasure* 11.50 *A Skin Testimony*.

Radio 2

5.00 *Ken Bruce* 17.30 *Terry Wogan* 18.00 *Jimmy Young* 18.15 *Guest Michael Foot* 12.00 *Musical While You Work* 12.30 *Gloria Hunniford*, 12.45 *Studio 1*, 12.55 *Music* 1.00 *David Dimbleby*, 1.25 *3 Sports Deck*, 4.00 *David Hamilton*, 4.15 *2 Sports Deck*, 6.45 *Sport and Classified News* 6.45-7.00 *John Dunn* including 7.45 *Sport* and *Classified News* 7.45-8.00 *Cricket* 7.30 *John Gregory*, 8.15 *Letter To The Band* with Chris Tarrant 8.30 *Music* 8.45 *Guests* with Nigel Ogden 8.50 *Hubert Green* says *Thanks for the Memory*, 8.57 *Sports Deck*, 10.00 *The Grumbleheads*, 10.30 *Brian Matthew* presents *Round Midnight*, 1.30 *James Fox* on 27, 2.0-2.50 *Charles Noe* presents *You and the Night* and the *Music*.

Radio 3

6.00 *Weather*, 6.05 *News*, 6.15 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, *Arts*, *Puzzles*, *Beethoven*, *Mozart*, *Bach*, *News*, 8.00 *Your Midweek Choices* (continued) *Thomas*, *Verdi*, *Schubert*, *Puccini*, *Offenbach*, *News*, 9.05 *This Week's Composer*: Luigi Boccherini, *records*, 10.00 *Haydn*, *Stravinsky* and *Eggers*, 11.00 *Haydn*, *Strauss* and *Maquet*, 11.45 *Hoffmann Serenade* with Intermezzo, *Mozart's Serenade K250*, with two concert arias interpolated.

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1.00 *Concert Hall* from Broadcasting House, London, Chamber music by Telemann, Hotteterre, *attrib.* Handel, Ramus, *Facch.* 1.20 *Midweek Investigation* into latest: *titles*' problems of unfair dealing and injustice, 1.30 *Songsbird*, the first three portraits of great 19th-century piano virtuosos, 1.45 *Words and Music*: *Maria Malibran* (1808-36).

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2.10 *Concert Hall* from Broadcasting House, London, Chamber music by Telemann, Hotteterre, *attrib.* Handel, Ramus, *Facch.* 2.20 *Midweek Investigation* into latest: *titles*' problems of unfair dealing and injustice, 2.30 *Songsbird*, the first three portraits of great 19th-century piano virtuosos, 2.45 *Words and Music*: *Maria Malibran* (1808-36).

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3.00 *Midweek Choices* (continued) *Spoken Word*, 3.15 *Music*, 3.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 3.45 *Arts*, 3.55 *Music*, 4.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 4.15 *Music*, 4.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 4.45 *Music*, 4.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 4.55 *Music*, 5.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 5.15 *Music*, 5.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 5.45 *Music*, 5.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 5.55 *Music*, 6.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 6.15 *Music*, 6.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 6.45 *Music*, 6.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 6.55 *Music*, 7.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 7.15 *Music*, 7.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 7.45 *Music*, 7.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 7.55 *Music*, 8.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 8.15 *Music*, 8.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 8.45 *Music*, 8.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 8.55 *Music*, 9.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 9.15 *Music*, 9.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 9.45 *Music*, 10.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 10.15 *Music*, 10.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 10.45 *Music*, 11.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 11.15 *Music*, 11.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 11.45 *Music*, 12.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 12.15 *Music*, 12.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 12.45 *Music*, 12.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 12.55 *Music*, 13.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 13.15 *Music*, 13.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 13.45 *Music*, 13.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 13.55 *Music*, 14.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 14.15 *Music*, 14.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 14.30 *Music*, 14.45 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 14.45 *Music*, 14.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 14.55 *Music*, 15.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 15.00 *Music*, 15.15 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 15.15 *Music*, 15.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 15.30 *Music*, 15.45 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 15.45 *Music*, 15.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 15.55 *Music*, 16.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 16.00 *Music*, 16.15 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 16.15 *Music*, 16.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 16.30 *Music*, 16.45 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 16.45 *Music*, 16.55 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 16.55 *Music*, 17.00 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 17.00 *Music*, 17.15 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 17.15 *Music*, 17.30 *Midweek Choices*, *Record Requests*, 17.30 *Music*, 17.45 *Midweek Choices*, <i

